



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

November 2006

PRICE CHANGE

Christmas Greetings are now \$10. Please send them in prior to **November 10**, our Newsletter deadline.

SCANDINAVIAN HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Crafts and Imports will again be featured on Saturday, November 11 from 10 am to 2 pm.

SCANDINAVIAN HOLIDAY DINNER

December 2, 2006 at 6:30 pm
Mail your check for \$30.00 by November 27, 2006.

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CHAIR

Last month we saw the Finnish Center fulfill its mission in a way that I hope will continue. The Cultural Committee put on another wonderful Cultural Day, with many willing volunteers displaying everything from weaving to stamps, from costumes to music, from food to literature. I personally talked to three young men from the surrounding area who were doing reports on Finland, and came to the Cultural Day to learn more about the country. What an exciting opportunity for us to impact our neighborhood!

You'll notice that the FCA is buzzing with activity. We have many rentals, which help us meet our budget. In that vein, we need help. Lois has been putting in far more hours than she should, so the Board has authorized her to create a list of trustworthy people to act as event managers. If you are interested in helping out in this way (and making a little bit of pocket money), please call the office.

The board has also authorized Lois to hire a receptionist to answer phones and field inquiries. If you are interested in this position, please contact the office.

We have many member opportunities that I hope you are taking advantage of and inviting others to take part. One member told me she was taking a newsletter because she looks for more people to invite to join. Are you looking toward our future in the same way?

We have been working on ideas to streamline board meetings. One way we are doing this is to implement a Consent Agenda for the next three months. All reports will be turned in on the Friday before the meeting, which is the first Wednesday of each month. These will be sent out to all board members and Committee Chairs for review before the meeting. At the meeting, all reports can then be accepted in a group, and the board can concentrate their time on action items. I would like all club chairpersons to submit a report of the club's activities to the appropriate Committee Chairs for inclusion in the reports, so that we can all know what's happening around the FCA.

On a final note, it's time to start thinking ahead toward next year. We are looking for people to serve the Finnish Center as members of the Board of Trustees and Chairpersons of the Standing Committees. If asked, would you please consider serving? If you aren't asked, but would like to be considered, please let Dave Sharpe, Frank Gottberg, Dagmar Malstrom or Charlotte Lytikainen know. We're all busy, let's think about what it takes to keep this establishment thriving, and ready to serve the next generation of Finnish Americans. Won't you please consider running for office?

Nakemiin. Kristen Kreiner

CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Crafts

Mondays 10am - 2pm

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 - 9pm

Library

Open Monday's 9 to 2pm

Nikkarintalo

Mondays 9am

Study Group

Thursdays 12 - 2pm

BI-WEEKLY EVENT

Blood Pressure Readings

2nd and 4th Wednesday 11am - 2pm

NOVEMBER

- 1 Wed Joint Board Meeting 6:30pm
 4 Sat Finnish Language Class 10am
 8 Wed Camera Club 12 noon to 2 pm
 10 Fri Buffet 5-7 pm
 Reserve by Tues \$12.75 + tax
 at the door \$14 + tax
 11 Sat Finnish Language Class 10am
 Weavers 9am-12pm
 Scandinavian Bazaar 10am-3pm
 12 Sun Brunch 11am-2pm
 General Meeting 2:30pm
 15 Wed Senior Luncheon
 Reserve by Sat 248-437-0350
 16 Thu Women's Club 10am
 18 Sat Finnish Language Class 10am
 Kantele Workshop 12-5pm
 Craft Show 9-3pm
 23 Thu HAPPY THANKSGIVING
 26 Sun Stamp Club 2-4pm

DECEMBER

- 2 Sat Scandinavian Holiday Dinner
 6 Wed Board Meeting 6:30pm
 9 Sat Weavers 9am
 Children's Christmas Party
 1 - 3pm
 10 Sun Christmas with Kanteles
 and Rice Pudding
 13 Wed Camera Club 12 noon to 2 pm
 15 Fri Buffet 5-7pm

- Reserve by Tues \$12.75 +
 tax. At the door \$14 + tax
 17 Sun Finnish American Singers
 Christmas Concert 1-5:30pm
 20 Wed Senior Luncheon
 Reserve by Sat 248-437-0350
 25 Mon MERRY CHRISTMAS
 31 Sun New Years Buffet

FOR SALE

As we have new chairs in our newly decorated hall, we are offering our old BLUE stacking chairs at \$10 each, great for use in your home or patio.

There are a number of 4' by 8' sections of stained fencing sections available for \$15 each.

Our old risers are still looking for a good home. Let us know of a chorus, school, church, etc. that may be interested.

We have two (2) poker tables available for the best offer.

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SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Our celebration of the FCA's Anniversary was very special. We were fortunate that there were white chair covers, left from an earlier wedding, and white tablecloths. These, along with attractive centerpieces made by Nancy Sannar, white branches with blue leaves in vases with glass pebbles, white napkins and blue programs done by Lois Makee, made a lovely setting.

Armitage's dinner was exceptional. Cantate, directed by Gene Branstrom, received a standing ovation.

I want to thank the Anniversary Committee members not yet mentioned above. Most attended 5 planning meetings over the summer. Gene Belttari coordinated with Cantate and mailed out postcards to invite members. Maria Hill managed the reservations and seating. Markku Ketola obtained the guest speaker, Consul Lipponen, and the letters of congratulation. Glenn Kujansuu collected photos of the past and present to show on the big screen. He also used them in the 40th Anniversary booklet which he worked on and took to be printed. Norbert and Luise Leppanen compiled and edited the

booklet. David Sharpe and Pearl Wanttaja offered many suggestions in the discussions. I set up, planned, and chaired the planning meetings.

Our Veteran's Day observation will be combined with the Senior Luncheon on Wednesday, November 15 at 12 noon. Veterans, plan to be with us on this day when we honor you. Herb Piilo and Gary Darke will lead the day's program. All of you will be given the opportunity to say a few words about your time of service, if you care to do that. Please reserve in the usual way. Hope to see you with us.

The traditional FCA Children's Party is on Saturday, December 9. Parents and grandparents accompany the children and provide a small wrapped gift for our Old World Santa to distribute around 3 p.m. Please come at 1:30 p.m. and bring a treat to share from the buffet table. Coffee and punch will be provided. The high energy clown, Jannie Annie, will begin her show at 2:00 p.m. We always have a nice turn-out for this party.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

SCANDINAVIAN HOLIDAY

You are invited to our traditional big party of December! It begins at 6:30pm on **Saturday, December 2** with a social hour and many very fine appetizers prepared by our ladies. The talented members of Soittoniekat will entertain at this time with their Finnish and Scandinavian instrumental music. The program and dinner begin at 7 p.m. The Scandinavian consuls and wives are our special guests. They and others will give Christmas greetings from their respective countries after their respective flags are presented and national anthems sung.

Armitage will prepare Glogg and the four meat and four vegetable choices. FCA ladies will have bakery breads, plus homemade rice pudding with a choice of fruit sauces, accompanied by teaspoon and ginger cookies. *(continued on page 5)*

WOMEN'S CLUB

Seven of these lovely ladies made 60 loaves of Pulla/Nisu in September. All was sold in 2 days netting a profit for the FCA of about \$130. We have been asked to organize more formally. We still do not have a Chairman, but Edith Raski graciously accepted the position of Secretary.

Pulla/Nisu will again be baked on Thursday, October 26 at 10 a.m. It will be saved for the Bake Sale at the Scandinavian Bazaar on November 11.

Our ambitious ladies want to bake again on Thursday, November 9 at 10 a.m. This time it will be Christmas Tarts and Rieska. If you want to learn how to bake these Finnish specialties, plan to join us as you are very welcome.

FINLAND TODAY

First, it is the 100th anniversary of Finnish women having the right to vote and to hold a seat in the Parliament. On October 1st, 1906, Finnish women were granted the right to vote, becoming only the second country in the world to do so, New Zealand was the first. But, the following year, 1907, Finland became the first country in the world to have women in the Parliament as 19 women were elected.

The optoelectronic materials supplier, Braggone, of Oulu Finland has announced a new product line called LUXONE. This new material will enable manufacturers of flat panel TV displays, and mobile communications devices, cell phones for example, to be much brighter, sharper, use less power and cost less to produce.

For several years Braggone has been collaborating with one of the top research facilities in the world, the VTT Technical Research Center in Finland, and this is another fruit of their work together.

Another Finnish research facility, CSC Finland, the Finnish IT center for science, is acquiring a new top of the line super computer, code named the Hood, from the global leader in super computers, Cray Inc. The new computer will be able to process over 70 terflops (70 trillion floating point operations per second). CSC Finland will use the new system for research in areas such as physics, chemistry, nanotechnology, applied mathematics and engineering.

And speaking about research, the amount of money spent in research in Finland went up again last year. Last year 5.5 billion euros were spent for research, up by 220 euros over the previous year. Of the research money, 71% of it came from private industry.

Finland's oil refining company, Neste Oil, aims to become the world's leading biodiesel producer. Neste plans to invest billions of euros in building new biodiesel production facilities in Europe, with at least two of them in Finland. Currently Neste is constructing a plant in Porvoo, in southern Finland.

Biodiesel can be produced from vegetable oil such as canola, soy, palm and from animal fats.

The European Union has said that by 2010, 5.75% of the European transportation vehicles should be powered by renewable fuels.

The World Economic Forum has again named Finland as one of the world's most competitive economies. Switzerland was number one on the list followed by Finland, Sweden, and Denmark.

Said a spokesman for the Forum, "Countries like the Nordics, that are investing heavily in education, are likely to see rising levels of income per capita, growing success in reducing poverty and an increasing ability to establish a presence in the global economy".

Finland's trade surplus has continued to grow. As the figures from August have come in, they showed that Finland's surplus was 420 million euros compared to 311 euros last year. In August Finland's exports were 5.075 billion euros and imports were 4.655 billion euros.

Two years ago Nokia employed 450 people in its Chennai, India facility. Since opening its new facility in Chennai in January 2006, Nokia's employment has reached 5,500. And in the first 8 months of opening the plant, it has produced 10 million mobile phones.

The Sibelius Concert Hall in Lahti has been named the 5th best concert facility in the world. Number one on the list was the London Wigmore Hall. The Walt Disney Hall in Los Angeles was 6th, tops in the U.S.

Finland's largest department store, Stockmann is building a shopping center in the central part of St. Petersburg, Russia. The store should be completed by 2008.

Finland's Amin Asikainen defended his middle weight boxing European Championship by outpointing Alexander Sipos of Germany. Asikainen is undefeated in his 19 professional fights, winning 14 of them by knock-outs.

The NHL's Nashville Predators have named defenseman Kimmo Timonen as its captain. Other Finnish captains in the National Hockey League are Saku Koivu of the Montreal Canadiens and Olli Jokinen of the Florida Panthers.

In other hockey news, the media has forecast the Calgary Flames to win this year's Stanley Cup, mainly because of its goalie, Finland's Miikka Kiprusoff. The Hockey News magazine has named Kiprusoff the best player of any position in the NHL.

And finally, Toivo and Hilma were driving north on I75, heading to the UP, and eventually to Ishpeming. Along the way, Toivo got a little "frisky" and put his hand on Hilma's knee.

Hilma: Since we are married now, you can go a little bit further.

Toivo stepped on the gas and drove all the way to Duluth.

Markku Ketola
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Our featured entertainer has not yet been selected. A few men from the Finnish American Singers will sing a funny song about lutefisk. Others of these singers will lead a sing-along of Christmas carols, accompanied by the Soittoniekat.

Reservations may be made by mailing your check payable to the FCA by November 27th. The donation for all of this wonderful food and entertainment is \$30 per adult. Hoping to have a big crowd in our beautiful hall! Wear Scandinavian attire if you have it.

SCANDINAVIAN HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Crafts and Imports will again be featured on Saturday, November 11 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Deli goods and refreshments will be available. This is an event you should not miss, as the ladies work all year to present their culture in various forms.

This is a great time to start your holiday buying.

FINNISH FACTS



The Serena Water Amusement Park in Espoo, west of Helsinki, is the biggest indoor water park in Europe with year round heated pools.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

The Finnish-American Singers will have their bi-annual concert, now the Holiday Concert, that will feature Christmas gems selected from the classical composers as well as Holiday show tunes. To continue our tradition, we will also perform our favorite Finnish selections. We welcome to our membership roster anyone who likes to sing and is willing to learn the Finnish pronunciation. With our expert bilingual group of Finnish-Americans, the learning curve won't be steep!

We especially welcome young people, and, of course everyone else! The heritage of the FASM must continue at the Finnish Center, as music is an integral part of any cultural organization. If you know any high school or college student, of Finnish, Scandinavian, or of other descent, who likes to sing, may be active in band, orchestra or choir at school, or wants to have a little homework break on Monday evenings from 7-9pm, please have them come to see what fun and creative output we have with our songs. As several of you know, our young people have added their voices or instruments in the past as guest soloists as well. We are in need of ALL female and male vocal parts and coaching on these parts will be easily accomplished by Henry Naasko and listening to fellow choristers. Henry is an entertaining and knowledgeable director, having taught in the Livonia School System for many years. William Gramzow IV, our accompanist who is organist/Kantor/choir director, plus teacher at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

So, all said, we hope to see you or your relatives or friends join us! Furthermore, keep in mind the date of the next concert, December 17, 2006, at 3pm in our beautiful new hall. As usual, we will have our popular Finnish coffee table. Baked goods and Christmas bulbs will be for sale. Our DVDs/CDs of our 2005 Holiday Concert as well as hand-painted Christmas tree bulbs are on sale in the Gift Shop. Don't forget to place your order for the Holiday wreaths from any choir member by November 4, 2006. Have a wonderful autumn!

Yours in Music,
Vickie A. Kimler

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, Soittoniekat Folk Musicians and Finnish American Singers.

If a donation is undesignated it goes to the general fund for expenses of the Center.

The family of the deceased may direct undesignated donations toward a specific fund (up to one year after date of death).

Please make your check out to the **Finnish Center Association** and send donations to: Pearl Wanttaja, 28235 Townley, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Please do not send cash through the mail.

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

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

If you know of a member, parent or child of a member who has passed away, please call me at 248-541-0054.

Thank you,
Pearl Wanttaja, Chair

Since the last newsletter and up to October 11, donations to the Memorial Fund are as follows:

In memory of FCA life member **Arthur Autio** (9-20-06) donations have been made by Eleanor & Will Manley, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of **Glen Harvala** (9-22-06) of Berkley, donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA. Glen was the son of members Irene & Ken Harvala.

In memory of **John Garry** (9-26-06) of Belleville, donations have been made by Elizabeth Murphy and the FCA. John was the son of member Arlene Garry.

In memory of FCA life member **Frances Simo** (8-15-06) donations have been made by Bruce & Marilyn Smith, Patricia Millikin, Robert & Ann Thomas, Arnie & Rae Luallen, Staff at Holmes Middle School and Shirley Dabich.

In memory of FCA member **Wally Maki** (7-10-97) a donation has been made by Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA life member **Alma Erickson Lewis** (9-6-06) donations have been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo and Elmer Haninen.

In memory of FCA life member **Margaret Sopsich** (9-12-06) donations have been made by her cousin Dorothy Bays and Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of FCA life member **Ralph Mannisto** (8-8-06) donations have been made by Lillian & Arne Lagerkvist, Louise Hartung, Ellen Rajala, Helvi Wertheimer, Vernon & Mary Leinonen, Vi Hakala, Edith & Ernest Niederer and Carl & Allie Lindstrom.

In memory of FCA life member **Doug O'Brien** (4-12-06) a donation has been made by Helvi Wertheimer.

The FCA has made a donation in memory of member **Arne Lagerkvist** (9-30-06).

COMPUTER CLASS

Classes started on September 27 at 9:00 am and finished on October 18th.. There is \$20 fee for the classes.

Call the Manager's office to sign up for the next set of Computer Classes. This will be for beginners (little or no computer knowledge).

CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 18 from 9am to 3pm. Call Kath Usitalo for info.

Congratulations to Liisa Allison who won a basket of Finnish goodies including coffee, Finn Crisp, candies, etc. at Cultural Day!

GOING PLACES

“White Christmas” at the Fox

One (1) day, December 6, 2006. Be at FCA by 10:30 am for a 10:45 departure. Return about 6:00 pm.

Point Edward Casino, Sarnia

One (1) day, Thursday, January 25, 2007, \$17. Includes a \$10 incentive package. Be at FCA by 9:45 am for a 10:00 am departure. Return about 6:15 pm. Don't forget proper ID.

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” at the Stranahan Theatre

One (1) day, Saturday, February 17, 2007, \$93. More information later.

Niagara Falls Casino

Two (2) days, Thursday and Friday, May 10 and 11, 2007, \$99. Includes \$25 package the first day at the Casino Niagara and \$10 package the second day at Fort Eire Raceway (slots). Includes overnight at the Sheraton. Don't forget proper ID.

Sneak Peek—A trip to see Daniel O'Donnell is being planned for June, 2007.

Sneak Peek—“Nunsense A-Men” at Turkeyville will be in either June or July, 2007. If you have a preference as to the month, please call me ASAP.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

On a sunny September 20th, 68 FCA members and friends attended the Senior Luncheon. Fritz Putekla emceed.

From I Corinthians 13, Rev. Maddox of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Southfield shared a devotion about love. Love is easy to read about, but sometimes it's difficult to show it.

Karen Call from St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford played lovely music prior to our meal. Then, Fritz and Bob Erickson led us in singing some old favorites: “Billy Boy, Billy Boy”, “I've Been Working on the Railroad”, and “You're a Grand Old Flag”. Remembering the past is good, but learning new things will keep our brains sharp.

While watching Lari Korpela's video, “Finland –60 Years After the War”, those of us who have not been to Finland learned many interesting facts. If you missed it, come and join us in January at which time we'll see the conclusion.

The Armitage caterers prepared ham casserole, cucumber and pasta salad, and a variety of delicious cakes for dessert. Our faithful volunteers graciously served us.

First-timers were Jim and Pat Komula of Livonia and Don Manninen of Spring Hill, FL, who was our only out-of-towner. Come again!

Prizes winners were Charles Bush, Sylvia Kannisto, Irene Naasko, and Laila Tiorland who won it twice.

Pearl Wanttaja reminded us of the passing of George Meranuck, Matthew Oblak, Sr., Francis Keskinen, Martha Tuorin, Ralph Mannisto, Carmen Kauble, Helen Pietila, Frances Simo, Alma Lewis, and Margaret Sopsich. May they rest in peace.

Birthday wishes were sung in English and Finnish to Karen Marvel, Ruth Spanberger and Rudy Aittama.

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FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

History was not one of my favorite subjects in school, but now I find that it can be very interesting reading when it is about the land of our forefathers. Here are a few suggestions if you are of the same mind:

A SHORT HISTORY OF FINLAND, by Fred Singleton. This is a revised and updated version of an earlier book by Singleton published in 1989. The jacket calls it "the most successful study of Finland in the English language." Its 177 pages are highly readable and cover Finland's history from the final melting of the ice cap around 8000 B.C. to the present. This is a book you can read in parts if you want to, for it is neatly divided into chapters covering Finland under Sweden, under Russia, independent Finland, wartime years, post-war Finland, political development, and economic development. This is in the Finnish history section, call number 947.1 Si.

NEITHER STALIN NOR HITLER by Jukka Tarkka. Finland faced a real dilemma in 1939-40 when the country was invaded by the Soviet Army. When neither Scandinavia nor the Western powers were able to come to her aid, she had to accept it from the only source available, the Germans, even though the Finns bore no love for Hitler. For one thing, Finland depended upon Ger-

many for grain, raw materials and arms supplies during the war; otherwise the country would have been in even more dire straits than it already was. There was also much behind-the-scenes political activity which the author lets us in on.

In 1939, the Finns said no to Stalin; in 1944, they were finally able to say no to Hitler. Thus they survived as an independent nation. Apart from Great Britain and the Soviet Union, Finland was the only European country participating in the Second World War that was not taken over, either by Germany or the Soviet Union. This 111-page book is a short but fascinating read, giving a glimpse of Finnish history we don't usually hear about. You'll find it in the non-fiction section, Call number, 947.103 Ta.

Since Finland's history is so often intertwined with that of Russia, the following might also interest you: **INSIDE THE SOVIET ARMY**, by Viktor Suvorov, c1982. This book is rather dated, but for anyone interested in what the Soviet Army was like and what it was like to be a part of it, it makes interesting reading. The author has now defected to the West and has felt free to write what he surely could not have done while in the Soviet Union. Call number: 947.085 Suo

Library hours are from 9am-2pm every Monday.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

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first and last name
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In the subject line of the email, please write "newsletter".

SENIOR LUNCHEON (cont)

Our upcoming entertainment is as follows: October- Roger Hewlett, accordionist, November- Veteran's Program, December-instrumental music by Fred and Delores Aebersold's grandchild and Lifeline Screening will give a short talk on stroke prevention.

Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons will be served. Come out and join us on the third Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call Eleanor Manley at 248-437-0350 by the third Sunday of the month.

I'll be looking for you.

Margaret Laurila

SENIOR CORNER

Are you thinking of making a move? Check with Senior Housing if vacancies exist.

SEPTEMBER PASTY SALE UPDATE

We thank all of you who purchased our pasties. About 800 pasties were made on Saturday, and more were baked on the following Monday.

Our hearty thanks to Ruth Mannisto who again led the effort. Armitage was helpful in obtaining the meat and potatoes and other supplies. Twenty-six people worked: 11 Finnish American Singers and 15 FCA non-singers. As of this sale, the FCA and Finnish-American Singers will split pasty profits evenly. In order to have a chorus, the leaders of it must be paid. The Singers have other upcoming fund-raisers--Christmas greens sale, two concerts, gift shop sale of videos and DVDs and Christmas bulbs, guest performances and a Bake Sale.

We are self-supporting and thank all of you who help us in these efforts.

FCA GARDEN NEWS

Finlandia Gardens Habitat Recognition

We are pleased to announce that the FCA has just achieved official status with the **National Wildlife Federation** as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. Certification requires that a habitat provide four basic conditions: food-bearing plants and trees, cover for wildlife to be protected, places for wildlife to raise their young and a source of water. We offer all of these in Finlandia Gardens. An appropriate sign will soon be placed at the Center to show our designation.

Recently a blue heron has been observed in our natural area, an indication of the attractiveness of our property to wildlife

Also...members having garden tools or other garden items are encouraged to donate them to the Garden Club.

Contact David Sharpe at 248-477-5709 or at dcs37mgsc@earthlink.net.

PIKKU JOULU RETURNING TO FCA

Date: Sunday December 10, 2006

Time: 1:30 pm

Donation: \$3.00

Enjoy the sounds of our national instrument, the Kantele, Finnish Christmas music and a sing along.

Learn about Finnish Christmas Traditions, how to make a himmeli (straw mobile), traditional string tontu and paper hearts. Refreshments include rice pudding with ginger bread cookies and non-alcoholic Glogg.

Joulu Pukki (Santa Claus) might stop by – have we been good?

Bring your tontu hats and your voices. There will be fun for the entire family, young and old!

We are hoping Santa can bring a Reindeer or two!!

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Members, year to date = 47
Deceased, year to date = 48
Revenue from dues, year to date =
\$9,305.00

A reminder: please keep membership
up to date on any changes in your ad-
dress, phone number and email. We
also need to be advised of your sea-
sonal address and date of departure to
warmer areas in order to mail your
newsletter to the proper place.

Thank you, Shirley Brooks

GIFT SHOP

We have a new selection of Spectrolite jewelry. Feel free to mix and match the chains with the pendants to suit your taste. We also have a new selection of bracelets. The spectrolite stone is in the labradorite family and comes exclusively from Finland. The accent stones and silver are imported from other countries. We also have new pendants from Scandinavia. They are old stamps set in silver. They are sure to be a conversation piece!

Many new Christmas decorations, household items and jewelry are on the way from Aarikka and will arrive in the next couple of weeks.

By the time you read this, we will have a nice selection of embroidered towels, shirts and baby rompers for fun Christmas gifts for your Finn family & friends.

We have a new vendor for the favorite Fazer chocolates and Juhla Mokka coffee. They are on the shelf and selling fast! Our order of wall hangings, candles, sauna soaps & miscellaneous Finnish imports should arrive any day now. Some of the hangings and candles have a Christmas flair, but could be used year round.

Remember to show your membership card to receive a 10% discount on imported glassware, sauna equipment and wall hangings. Again, let the committee know if there is anything you would like to see added to the gift shop.

Brenda Sinclair, Chair

SENIOR HOUSING

One Contribution, Four Beneficiaries

Many FCA members have wondered why does the FCA Housing Corporation need donations. The annual reports of the FCA Housing Corporation show a substantial cash balance. However, the Housing Corporation assures you that the need still exists. During the year 2005 the Housing Corporation purchased the outstanding investments of all of the "for profit" limited partners in the Tapiola Village (phase I) project. In order to consummate the purchases, debenture bonds were sold. To avoid a change of ownership with the Housing Corporation being the sole owner, the ownership entity was retained. Instead of the "for profit" limited partners, the Finnish Center Association was offered the role as the sole limited partner in the existing limited partnership. A change in the ownership entity would have necessitated a change in the mortgage agreement, regulatory agreement and a number of other documents.

There is now a need to pay the interest and redemption costs on these debenture bonds. Three hundred bonds each having a cost of \$1,000.00 were sold. The bonds have a ten year term, but can be called for early redemption after the first year of ownership. The dividends (profits) received from the housing projects will be used for the interest and redemption payments. Projecting the income and expense data of the projects and making assumptions as to what profits might be available, the bond program should be completed within its ten year term.

The Housing Corporation would like to accelerate the payoff time of these bonds. When this is accomplished, the funds received from the projects each year can then be used for other purposes, such as improving services for the residents and making residual funds available for the Housing Corporation. The Housing Corporation could be in a position to make part of its funds available for projects which would also benefit the Finnish Center Association. For example, the Housing Corporation could undertake a larger financial role towards making the gazebo a reality. If the entry canopy to the Finnish Center is desired, the Housing Corporation could possibly make a significant contribution for such a project.

These kind of expenditures would be possible when the bond obligations have been satisfied. Contributions made to the FCA Senior Citizens Housing Corporation are tax-deductible contributions, which are a benefit to the donor. The Housing Corporation obviously benefits by the elimination of its bond debts, the residents in Tapiola benefit by any project improvements made by the Housing Corporation and the Finnish Center Association could become a beneficiary of the Housing Corporation's financial participation in its projects. Get more mileage from your donations. Your contributions to the FCA Senior Citizens Housing Corporation will do it.

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Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Annual individual membership: \$25.00 for one member (one vote)	
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