



Finnish Center Association

FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

June/July 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 01 Rental
- 02 Rental
- 05 Wednesday "Let's Talk" 11 am
- 07 Friday Night Buffet 5 – 8 pm
- 07 Friday Novi Community Band 7 pm
- 08 Rental
- 12 Wednesday FCA Joint Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 21 Friday Cookout & Juhannus Celebration 5 pm
- 21 Rental
- 22 Rental
- 30 Rental

JULY

- 03 Wednesday "Let's Talk" 11 am
- 04-05 Closed
- 10 Wednesday No FCA board meeting in July
- 13 Rental
- 14 Rental
- 17 Wednesday Ice Cream Social 1 pm
- 17-20 Rental
- 24 Wednesday Cookout with Chef Terry 12 noon
- 27 Rental

AUGUST

- 28 Wednesday Summer Pie Day 2 pm

SAVE THE DATES!



FinnFest USA in
Metro Detroit
Sept 20 - 22, 2019

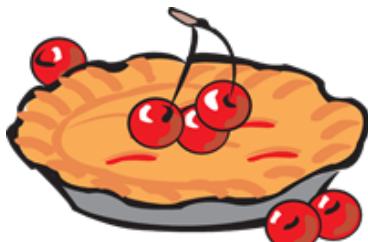
Watch for upcoming details on unique
tours, seminars, and workshops
that will also be scheduled for
Thurs, Sept 19 & Mon, Sept 23!

Weekly Events

- Finnish American Singers
Monday 7 pm (Resumes in Sept.)
- Library
Open Monday 10 am-2 pm
- Finlandia Garden Club & Wood Shop
Mondays 9 am

Monthly Events

- Let's Talk
First Wednesday 11 am
- Book Club
Last Monday of the month 1 pm
- Luncheon
Last Wednesday of the month
12 noon



**Reservations are recommended
for all events.**

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The office is working on my transition as the new chairman. Things are coming along very nicely with Mia answering questions and giving me lots of information. I am hoping for a very good year.

Our Mother's Day Brunch was a huge success. The hall was just beautiful with a trellis of roses and a non-alcohol champagne fountain. It was just lovely and the food was delicious. Mike and Suzi Grant did a great job of setting up and bringing us a wonderful meal. A huge thank you for all who helped to make this a special day for the Moms and their families.

May 4 was the volunteer luncheon. The food was good and it was great to see the volunteers together. I can't stress enough how important our volunteers are. Without the volunteers we wouldn't be here. I am just amazed at how many different things we have people doing just because they want to help. Thank you one and all.

The garden is looking like spring and if it would ever stop raining we could all enjoy it. Our gardeners are very busy. It is not all of us that could, or would, get down on our hands and knees to pull weeds. Thank you gardeners for bringing a little sunshine to our lives, even on a gray day.

Let's make the Finnish Center a happy place this summer. I am always here on Wednesdays in the gift shop, but plan to be here most of the other days when the center is open as well. Please call or stop by if you have questions or want to talk. I love to hear from people and want to help. You can email me at finnishcenter@gmail.com or call (248) 895-3231.

Mary O'Brien



Cookout and Juhannus (Midsummer) Celebration

Friday, June 21
Begins at 5 pm

\$7 per person
Children under 5 free

Menu:
Hot dogs
Hamburgers
Cole Slaw
Pasta Salad
Chips
Strawberry Shortcake

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VAPPU PARTY

Our traditional Vappu party (Celebration of spring) was held April 27, 2019 at the Finnish Center. Fun and games for Children and adults, good food and especially the desserts, Munkki (Finnish donuts) and Helvi's pulla. Finally a little karaoke with great performances by young and old(er).



NOVI COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

Friday, June 7

5-8 pm

Concert 7 pm during dinner

Concert and dinner \$12 for adults - \$5 for children under 12

Concert Only \$5





FROM THE LIBRARY



At its easternmost reach, Russia is within 51 miles of North America. In the late 1700s Russia established a colony in Alaska known as Russian America. The attraction was the abundance of furs, especially those of the sea otters, for which there was a high demand in Europe and China. The first capital was Kodiak, but later it was moved to Sitka, originally called New Archangel.

Travel from Moscow to Alaska was no easy feat. It consisted of a perilous ocean voyage, or a trip across Siberia. Only one party is known to have tried the latter; it was a disaster. Near the end of their trip they were forced to push their sledge by hand, for their horses had died. But many braved the ocean trip. By the middle of the nineteenth century there were about 800 Europeans living in Sitka, the majority being Russians, Balts and Finns. Finland had come under the rule of Russia in 1809 and many Finns became Russian naval officers or other professionals including clergymen, academics and prospecting engineers who sought work in Alaska. Working-class men were required also; the Finns were especially good at carpentry and as shipwright workers. Many of the professionals returned when Alaska was sold, but most of the others remained, for the return trip was too expensive.

Sitka thrived under the Russian-Alaskan Company. Furs were plentiful and brought a high price. There were two churches, Russian Orthodox and Lutheran. The aristocratic naval officers and their families shared a lifestyle that included formal balls and gala receptions. Sitka became known among visiting sailors and merchants as the “Paris of the Pacific”.

Three Finns in particular left their mark on the North American continent: Arvid Adolph Etholen (Russian: Etolin) and Johan Hampus Furuhjelm as chief managers of the Russian-American Company, and Uno Cygnaeus as an educator and clergyman.

Arvid Etholin was born in Helsinki into a well-to-do Finnish family in 1799. He became a Russian naval officer and served several five-year tours of duty in Alaska. He served from 1818 to 1825 as a ship master. On his trip from Finland in 1838 he brought his newly-acquired bride, Margaretha, with him. He served as governor of Alaska from 1840-1845. Many geographic entities are named after him, including Etholin Island, Etholin Strait, Etholin Bay, Etholin Point, as well as Etholin Street in Sitka.

Johan Furuhjelm was born into a noble Finnish family in Helsinki in 1821. He was schooled at home until 1836 when he joined the Russian Navy; he served with the Baltic Fleet from 1838-1846. In 1850 he was assigned to a new post in the Russian-American Company. He served admirably and on December 11, 1858 he was appointed Governor of Russian America. During a Christmas ball in Helsinki in 1858 he met the 22-year-old Anna von Schoultz. They were married on February 1859; they had three children during their five years in Russian America. Among his accomplishments were the improvement of relations with the Tlingit Indians and the institution of a smallpox vaccination program which ended a fear of the smallpox epidemic which was rampant in nearby California. Furuhjelm’s daughter Anna became famous as an advocate of women’s rights in Finland. She was elected to Finland’s first Parliament in 1906. In 1889, on the occasion of his jubilee as an officer in the Imperial Russian Navy, Furuhjelm received a golden snuff box, decorated with diamonds and the initials of Alexander III of Russia. Mount Furuhjelm, Furuhjelm Island and Furuhjelm Street in Sitka are named after him.

Uno Cygnaeus, born October 12, 1810 in Hämeenlinna, was a teacher and pastor who spent five years in Alaska. He was the first pastor of the new Lutheran church. He is considered the father of the Finnish school system. He initiated the practice of high class teacher training, emphasizing the importance of school system.

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Cygnæus died on January 2, 1888 in Helsinki. Cygnæus and the other two Finns have names which are not recognizable as Finnish. They are members of families who during Swedish times adopted foreign names when it was fashionable and advantageous to do so.

By the early 1850s the Russian venture was no longer a highly profitable one. The number of sea otters had diminished due to over-hunting and the cost of acquiring provisions exceeded the gross income of the company. When the Crimean War broke out, Russia knew it could not supply or defend Alaska. Russia pestered various elements of the American government about a sale for almost fifteen years. In 1867 the United States relented and purchased Alaska for \$47.2 million, which amounted to \$0.025 per acre. At the time it was regarded as "Seward's folly" but the years following have proved that it was a bargain.

Many traces of the Finnish presence remain in Alaska. The Lutheran church is still active; it is now a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. There are streets with Finnish names, including Oja and Kai-nulainen. Some buildings still show signs of Finnish construction.

For more about early Finns in Russian America (and many other interesting articles) see V. 3 of Reino Hannula's compilation of the Finn Heritage magazine.

Lillian Lehto

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Arvid Adolf Etholin



Johan and Anna Furujelm



The altar painting by Bernt Godenhjelm in the Lutheran Church



Margaretha Etholin



Sea otters

SOCIAL NEWS

The social life of The Finnish Center has been hoppin'. We had a fun, wonderful Vappu celebration. I was also very happy to see so many of the volunteers at the volunteer luncheon. We are so lucky to have such wonderful people giving their time. The Mother's Day Brunch was a relaxed, pleasant time for all. It was a nice event that Mike & Suzi Grant worked very hard on.

June events (please note a few changes).

June 5

Let's Talk at 11 am. We have all learned a lot about our culture. Please join us to share your experiences.

June 21

The cookout and Juhannus will be combined. We are serving strawberry shortcake at the cookout along with a few surprises. Event begins at 5 pm.

July 3

Let's Talk at 11 am

July 17

Ice cream social at 1 pm.

July 24

Cookout with Chef Terry at 12 noon.

Aug 28

Summer Pie Day at 2 pm. We will have a special day to celebrate the goodies of summer. Blueberry and peach pie. Delicious!

Have a safe and happy summer. See you soon.

Mary O'Brien



JUNE IN THE GARDENS

June is one of the best months in the garden to see shrubs and perennials in bloom. Spirea, iris, daylilies, weigela, hydrangea and peony and just a few of the many plants in bloom in June. Baby birds are fledging from their nests, hummingbirds are flitting around, and numerous butterflies are alight in the gardens.

The ground has finally warmed so our vegetable plants are growing well. It's not too late to put in a few tomato, pepper, or cucumber plants if you are so inclined and we still have vegetable plots for rent. The larger plots are \$30 and the smaller 4x4 beds are \$25. Contracts are in the woodshop. Please see either Gayle Gullen or David Sharpe. Checks are made out to the FCA.



Our extra volunteers this year have allowed us to overhaul some of the gardens, removing grass which has crept into the gardens and replacing overgrown plants with fresh newer species. A couple new evergreens were transplanted into the west evergreen garden and we will be replacing the hydrangea there that have not bloomed with another variety of shrub, possibly a quince.

If you see cars near the woodshop on Monday morning, please drop by and join us in our projects, to chat, or have a cup of coffee.

If you have any questions or comments, or items to donate, please contact me at (734) 546-5190 or gaylegullen@hotmail.com

Gayle Gullen
Finlandia Garden Club President

POKER ALL STARS

Thank you to all the volunteers for the poker event that was held April 18-21, 2019, Neil Manley, Alice Manley, Mike Grant, Larry Gersky, Mia Lamminen, Karen Camilleri, Sherryl Tedford, Jerry Collins, Mark Rikkonen, Paul Rajala, Ilona Takakura, Gene Belttari, Agnes MacManus, Olli Lamminen, Leena Koivuniemi.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone for their contribution. In addition to volunteering at the actual event, Mia Lamminen, Gene Belttari, Fran Fadie and Mary O'Brien helped with the paperwork and contacted volunteers.

Regards,
Ilona Takakura
Treasurer, FCA



SENIOR HOUSING

While plans to renovate the whole of the village of Tapiola I & II are still being refined, progress is being made. Construction crews will be on-site to remove and replace the roof, siding and storm doors on building 11 in Tapiola II. A week of rain has held off material deliveries and postponed the start of the work - it's expected, however, with the promise of at least two consecutive days of good weather - work will be underway this or next week. Workers and vehicles from O'Neal Construction and Armstrong Enterprises will be on-site and there will be some inconvenience to residents with noise, debris from the old roof and siding, construction equipment, deliveries of construction materials and disposal containers. The inconvenience will be short-lived as the work is expected to be completed within three weeks of the start date.

Building 11 is the case study for specified materials, processes and workmanship and if deemed successful and affordable, the hope is to replicate the model, as funding permits, to all Tapiola I & II buildings.

Sarah Wiedeman
Renovation Committee Chair

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

On Mother's Day the Finnish Center was bustling with the joy of the day. The dining room tables were decorated with lovely raspberry and white napkins, and the wonderful aroma of delicious food filled the air. The social committee would like to thank Mike and Suzi Grant for helping make this a special occasion for all the moms and families. Alice Manley was a great help at the door and Margaret Laurila helped filling in wherever needed. A special thank you to all who helped. We couldn't have done it without you.

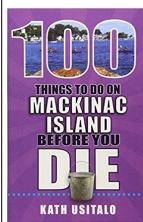
Mary O'Brien
Social Committee



FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

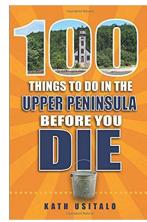


Top row: Accompanist Rita Rogers, William Gramzow, IV, director, Tom Hill, Paul Rajala. Middle Row: Heleena Hatten, Vickie Kimler, Nancy Jacobs, John Hookana, David Sharpe, Katy Koskela, Hank Naasko. Front row: Karen Call, Dee Aebersold, Ilene Yanke, Jean Shea, Mary Stapleton, Karen Gasinski, Elaine Weider and Charlotte Lytkainen.



**100 Things to Do
In Mackinac Island
Before you Die**

**100 Things to Do
In the Upper Peninsula
Before you Die**



Books by FCA member Kath Usitalo,
Who now lives in the U.P. Get your copy at the FCA gift shop/
Also available at Amazon.com
Learn more about the book at GreatLakesGazette.com

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Summer is a beautiful time and the gift shop has some beautiful colors to enhance your decor. Available are pieces of beautiful sea blue color Iittala.

The display of vintage pieces has grown. Stop in and see these unforgettable items.

In case you haven't heard, designer Oiva Toikka, whose mouth blown birds are legendary, has passed away. There is one of his birds on display in the gift shop and there are many more that can be ordered. If you want to add one of these beautiful birds to your collection, please stop in to see us.

Thank you for shopping with us. It is always nice to see new faces and welcome those long-time shoppers.

Mary O'Brien

MEMORIALS

In memory of FCA life member **Matthew Haarala** (5/5/19) a donation has been made by Charlotte Lytkainen.

In memory of **Iris Susi Rikkonen** (5/1/19) a donation has been made by Louise Hartung & Jim Fostey.

In memory of FCA life member **Gladys Saari** (3/23/19) a donation has been made by Mary-Ann & Arne Hanninen.

In memory of FCA life member **Blanche Ilona Saaranen** (2/23/19) a donation has been made by Janet & Victor Koponen-Hsu.

In memory of FCA member **Nancy (Kivisaari) Sannar** (1/18/19) a donation has been made by Joan Daley.

The FCA would also like to extend condolences to the families and friends of:

FCA life member **Fay C. Kline** (5/16/19)

FCA life member **Geraldine Lageroos** (5/8/19)

FCA life member **Ruth Maki** (12/30/18)

FCA life member **Mary Kuivinen** (3/29/13)

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.

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, FinnFolk Musicians and Finnish American Singers.

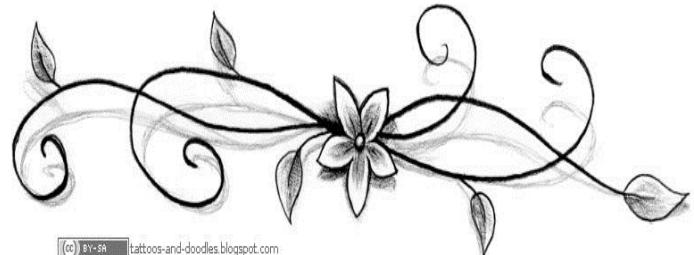
The family of the deceased may direct undesignated donations toward a specific fund (up to one year after date of death).

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.



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FCA BAKERS



On Thursday, May 16th, bakers joined up in making 48 loaves of pulla/nisu. The bakers were Barbara Whitty, Susan Marlow, Eric and Kris Bachman, Charles (Tobie) Line, and Ilene Yanke.

Thank you so very much, bakers!

Ilene Yanke

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FINNFEST USA 2019 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS END JUNE 15

FinnFest USA 2019 encourages you to take advantage of Early Bird Registration, available to you through June 15. Each adult registration at \$100 includes the opportunity to order one complimentary ticket for each of the scheduled evening concerts. After June 15th, the registration cost will increase to \$150, still including the complimentary concert ticket options. Extremely low registration prices for students and children will continue throughout.

Purchase registrations at <https://finnfest.us>. FinnFest USA uses a secure website to take your credit card payments which go directly into FinnFest USA's bank account at US Bank.

Registrations can also be taken at (937) 601-8488. Erika Gueli, FinnFest USA 2019 Volunteer and Registration coordinator will be happy to help you. Groups of four or more will receive \$10 off the price of each registration.

America's only annual national festival travels to SE Michigan this fall to bring you a rich program that connects you to contemporary Finland and Finnish America. Come early for the classes on Thursday, September 19; enjoy the food, the music, and the unique presentations on Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21; stay through Sunday, September 22nd, for the exclusive visit to Cranbrook (including the Saarinen home) and FinnFest USA finale concert given by Kardemimmit, a four woman contemporary kantele ensemble.

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER AT FINNFEST USA 2019

Want to meet new people? Have new experiences? Become a FinnFest USA Volunteer....no need to be a Finn or a Finnish American. Just have an interest in helping to create positive, hopeful and FUN.

What kinds of volunteer tasks are available?

- A. Work now: help with programming, marketing, tori, program book, financing, logistics, housing and venue tasks.
- B. Work just before the festival (e.g., assembling registration packets, making and installing signage, assisting with set-up of the festival site, running errands.)
- C. Work during the festival:
 - At information, registration and ticket sales table.
 - At FinnFest USA booth, including sales of raffle tickets.
 - Greeting, door supervision, ushering, taking tickets, managing the parking, assisting the shuttles.
- D. Work right after the festival to assist with take-down tasks.

What is the age requirement of a volunteer?

All ages, responsible children as young as 10 years of age, teenagers, college students, working adults and retirees: all are welcome.



What time commitment is required of volunteers?

FinnFest USA appreciates and honors all time constraints.

Compensation:

As a thank you, all volunteers earn deductions of all or some portion of their festival costs. Options relate to the volunteer task itself and the length of time given. For example, ushering at a concert would mean a free concert seat, while working half a day at a booth would provide a registration fee discount. Giving a full day before or after would provide larger discounts.

Sign up at <https://finnfest.us>

FINNFEST USA PRESENTS TALLARI AND KARDEMIMMIT



Tallari

Lähtölaulu – Song of Departure takes the acoustic trio of Jimmy Träskelin (vocals, harmonica), Katri Haukilahti (fiddle, vocals) and Sampo Korva (guitar, vocals) through a musical journey into the busy years of Finnish-American immigration. Lead by the legendary song anthology *Reisaavaisen Laulu Amerikkaan* released in 1982, the trio's new program studies not only the immigrants' feelings during departure and settlement in the new country, but also gives a heartfelt voice to those who were left behind. This will be the American premiere for a new anthology published by the Tom DuBois and his students at the University of Wisconsin - Madison comprised of translations of 87 of Hiski Salomaa's songs, and providing context and detail for each one.

Kardemimmit

Kardemimmit are four strong, young women who play a rare gem: the Finnish national instrument kantele, an ancient stringed instrument with a silvery sound. While playing 15- and 38-string kanteles, Kardemimmit sing mesmerizing harmonies in original compositions that blend a modern approach with a deep foundation in Finnish, Eastern European, and Scandinavian traditions. Kardemimmit's repertoire includes several styles of Finnish traditional music. There are some traditional pieces, but most of the songs are composed by members of Kardemimmit with traditional lyrics. Kardemimmit will close out the festival on Sunday evening!



FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS OF MICHIGAN

The Finnish American Singers of Michigan have had a busy year! Our concert December 2nd, the first directed by our new director, William Gramzow IV, was well attended and appreciated by our audience. A few sing-along carols provided audience participation opportunities, accompanying our English and Finnish choral music. We took our show on the road, so to speak, the day after our concert, when we went to the Botsford Assisted Living residence of member Charlotte Lytkainen, providing a limited reprise of our concert music for attending residents. Although a trip and fall accident by one of our singers, former director Hank Naasko, resulted in a trip to the emergency room for him where he thankfully was pronounced banged up but not seriously injured, the remainder of the FASM singers present entertained residents with a selection of holiday music. "The show must go on!"

After enjoying the holidays, choir members returned to the FCA January 14th to begin practicing for our spring concert. We were challenged by the music selected by our director, and felt the time available to learn it and practice would not be sufficient. However, with diligent efforts by choir members we all began to hum our parts, practice the lyrics at home, and feel like it would all come together. We missed two choir members that had been unable to join us this year, but gained two new members that helped fill musical gaps. We hope Cortney and Cortland will be able to return next year, but welcome Leese and Tom to our ranks.

Our May concert was held on one of the first truly beautiful spring days we have had this year! It could be that balmy temperatures and sunshine kept some people home to work in their yards and gardens, but concert attendees were thrilled by the variety, enthusiasm, and quality of sound they observed. The choir recognized our director's hard work, encouragement, prodding, and patience that resulted in a great performance. We also applauded our terrific concert accompanist, Rita Rogers, who did a masterful job learning extremely difficult music while crafting her music to enhance our singing.

We appreciate the support of many people for the pasty bakes our group sponsored: for the prep crew that peeled, and peeled and peeled; for the bake crew that prepared, baked, and packaged those little gems; and for the buyers that support the bake by their love of pasties. Thank you to Paul and Nancy Rajala who smoothly coordinate the bakes.

Our other fundraiser is the Sherwood Forest greens sale in October for holiday delivery of wreaths, swags, and garland. We will be holding the sale again this year and hope you will purchase the beautiful, freshly cut Washington greens from us. It is also possible to order greens that will be directly mailed from Sherwood Forest. Consider that gift for the distant recipient or the hard-to-buy-for person.

A dinner and year-end business meeting on May 13th will not only provide an opportunity for relaxed conversation and great food, but will set the stage for board elections, a formal thank you to our director, and planning for FASM's participation in FinnFest September 19-22nd. Although the choir usually does not resume practice before Labor Day, the September FinnFest mandates some summer preparation for performances we anticipate. Choir members also plan to volunteer personally to help ensure an amazing experience for local visitors as well as those traveling a distance to attend the festivities. Please consider volunteering your help in some way also.

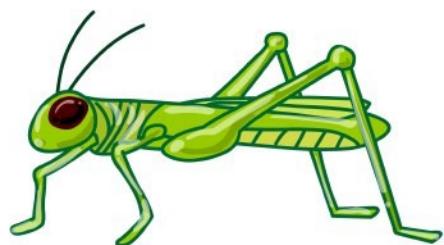
If you would like to join our choir in the fall,
come to a Monday practice or contact the FCA.
Kiitos

Submitted by Scribe, Katy Koskela, President



ST. URHO PARTY

May 15, 2019





FINLAND TODAY



As Finland honors 9,800 veterans still living at the average age of 94. President **Sauli Niinistö** granted the remaining veterans who had not yet received a medal, the First Class Medal of the Finnish White Rose, the highest honors in the land. The President said that it is very important time to remember those that fought in past wars and think of the sacrifices they have made. Also he said, "***There are many suitable ways to honor this day. The most important thing is that we do not forget.***"

Elections on April 15, 2019, the Social Democrats party narrowly won. The Finnish Parliament consist of: Social Democrats, 40 seats, Finns Party, 39 seats, National Coalition Party, 38 seats; Centre Party 31 seats; Green League, 20 seats; Left Alliance, 16 seats; Swedish People's Party, 9 seats; and Christian Democratic Party, 5 seats.

Can you image how difficult it will be to form coalitions, with so many reforms on the agenda for the next government: health care reform, and social security reform. Antti Rinne is the chairperson for the Social Democrats. He will need to work with 5 mid-sized parties, each of them with less than 20% votes, and will have tough negotiations ahead of him. Rinne has also revealed that he will ask the parties to inform further on their position on the issues such as the economy, climate and the European Union. Furthermore, Rinne has pledged to develop a fairer working life, stating that Finnish wage earners must be able to live on their wages, and unemployed must be help to find a new job and their income should not be cut. He also promises to raise the state pension and lift pensioners out of poverty. Sounds like Finnish parliament will have to work together – what a concept!

Finnish Flagship programs The Academy of Finland provides funding and expertise with a view to advancing the quality and impact of scientific research, renewing science, and developing research environments in Finland. The Finnish Flagship program is a fleet of science, a collaboration and solutions for the future generations. It is unique way to fund ecosystems in a specific field. The program promotes collaboration between research, business, and society and creates solutions and develops opportunities and growth. The goals are to create and develop sustainable economic growth within Finland.

The Six flagships are:

- 1) Developing future wireless technologies aiming at defining fundamental 6G technologies.
- 2) Create real artificial intelligence for real people in the real world.
- 3) Future solutions of the bio-economies and materials research.
- 4) Precision cancer medicine (PCM), and improved treatments.
- 5) INVEST in to improving wellbeing and skill development among Finnish children, young people and early adults.
- 6) Light-based technologies or photonics. Examples: telecommunications, biomedicine, healthcare, energy and environmental engineering, manufacturing and consumer products.

For more information: <https://www.aka.fi/en/research-and-science-policy/strategy/>

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Finland Today (continued from page 10)

And Finally,



Pastor Nieminen is a famous guest speaker from Finland, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. The congregation had just had a dinner and the Pastor was giving a long winded speech. Pastor Nieminen whispers to Pastor Aukee: "It seems that the congregation has caught a frog in their throats"! Pastor Aukee: "The flock is getting restless, because the speech has already surpassed the norm. Dear Pastor, if you keep on going much longer the flock will be running off for coffee and pulla."

HAPPINESS FUND

Did you know you can request a happiness greeting? New baby, anniversary, significant achievement and more. Contact the FCA office with your happiness request.



Gerald Lustila will be 98 in June.
Happy 98th Birthday!

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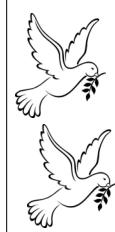
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