

Finnish Center Association

FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

CO-CHAIRS' CORNER

Vappu, one of Finland's biggest festivals, is celebrated annually on May 1 to mark the end of winter.

Also known as May Day, Vappu originates from Catholic St. Walpurgis, whose commemoration day was the 1st of May. May Day festivities in Finland started in upper-class families in the 1700s. At that time people celebrated the day by going horseback riding to enjoy the greenery of spring, and held parties at home with friends and family.

Later Vappu became the celebration of the workers, or Labor Day. Today, many celebrants are students happy to be graduating or at the end of the school year.

Vappu is a day for food, picnics and loud celebration. When you hit the streets during Vappu, most Finns will have a drink in hand and a white cap on their head. Tippaleipä (funnel cake) — a fried cake batter topped with powdered sugar — is a traditional delicacy that Finns eat during May Day. Munkki (sugary donuts) are also popular, often paired with sima, a fermented honey, or mead.

Happy Vappu to all and be sure to attend FCA's Vappu celebration on May 6, beginning at 5 p.m.

With gratitude,

Roger Wanttaja and Christine Manninen Co-chairs, Board of Trustees



RESTAURANT KICK-BACK PROGRAM NEW ROOF FOR THE FCA AT PANERA BREAD JUNE 3 from 4-8 pm

Come join us for a meal - come independently or in a group to help support the Finnish Center Roof Project. Just mention to the cashier that you are dining in or carrying out a meal to support the FCA. Online orders will not be included.



What:Fundraiser for the FCA new roof projectWhere:Panera Bread7100 Orchard Lake Rd.West Bloomfield(north of 14 Mile Rd.)When:June 3, 4:00 - 8:00 pmPayout:20% of receipts

Vickie Kimler <u>vickiekimler@gmail.com</u> Fundraiser Committee

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MAY	Friday, May 5 Saturday, May 6 Sunday, May 7 Wednesday, May 10 Sunday, May 14 Thursday, May 14 Friday, May 18 Friday, May 19 Saturday, May 20 Sunday, May 21 Friday, May 26 Monday, May 29	Fish Dinner 4:30-7:30 pm Vappu 5:00-Midnight FASM Concert 2:00 pm Emmanuel Church Board Meeting 7:00 pm Mothers Day Brunch 11:00 am-3:00 pm Rental - Lounge Friday Fish Dinner 4:30-7:30 pm Rental - Main Hall Folk Dance Rehearsal 2:00-5:00 pm Office Closed Office Closed	Farmington Hills, MI 48335-5108 Tel: (248) 478-6939 finnishcenter@gmail.com www.finnishcenter.org Officers Co-Chairs Christine Manninen Roger Wanttaja Vice Chair, Kathryn Hill Treasurer, Christina Lovgren Asst. Treasurer, Mia Lamminen Secretary, Sherrill Tedford
JUNE	Friday, June 2 Saturday, June 3 Wednesday, June 14 Friday, June 16 Saturday, June 24 Reservation	Friday Fish Dinner 4:30-7:30 pm Novi Concert Band 7:00-8:30 pm Panera Bread Kickback Event 4:00-8:00 pm Board Meeting 7:00 pm Friday Fish Dinner 4:30-7:30 pm Juhannus	Board of Trustees 1 Year Irene Lamanen, Linda Poirier, Roger Wanttaja 2 Year Jerry Collins, Sherrill Tedford, Christine Manninen 3 Year Kathryn Hill, Ed O'Brien, Janet Suomi

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#3 Nancy Hanson **Financial Review**

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for all events.

APRIL PASTY EVENT

On April 14 and 15 we made 850 pasties for our customers and for sale at the Flea Market. In order to provide awareness of the need for the FCA roof replacement funding we asked those that purchased pasties to provide some financial help if they could. Our generous customers came through and donated more than \$400 when they picked up their pasties on Saturday. Thank you to all who gave and know that you helped us get a start on the fund-raising project.

The pasty-making would not be possible without our marvelous volunteers. Those that peeled and diced on Friday were Peggy Burns, Jerry Collins, Joann Coobatis, Sue Mannisto, Larry Gersky, Kathryn Hill, Peggy Hanninen, Jesse Hatten, Gene Kramer, Mare Kramer, Rick Lampi, Sharon Parkila, David Sharpe, and Sherrill Tedford.

The Saturday crew that mixed, dished, worked the dough, crimped, transported, baked, packaged, sold, and cleaned up consisted of Peggy Burns, Korrie Chipps, Kendra Dinsdale, Ramona Dixon, Karen Gasinski, Frank Gottberg, Helena Hatten, John Hookana, Vickie Kimler, David Koskela, Katy Koskela, Nancy Jacobs, Margaret Laurila, Yvonne Lockwood, Neil Manley, Nancy McClenahan, Nancy Rajala, John Saarinen, Susan Trescott, John Welsh, Martha Welsh, Tanya White, and Brian Winkler.

We are so grateful for the volunteer time that these workers provided toward furthering the mission of the FCA and the Finnish American Singers.

Paul Rajala



MEMORIALS

In memory of FCA life member **Elmer Liimatta 3/31/23** A donation has been made by Tuija & Max Lunsford.

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. If a donation is undesignated, it goes to the General Fund for expenses of the Finnish Center. The family of the deceased may direct undesignated donations toward a specific fund (up to one year after date of death).

Please make your check out to the Finnish Center Association and send donations to: FCA, 35200 W. Eight Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Memorial donations can now be made online on our revised FCA website; <u>finnishcenter.org</u>

Please include full name, address, dates of death and birth of the deceased as well as the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgment card is to be mailed.

If you know of a member, parent, or child of a member who is passed away, please contact the FCA.



Dinner 4:30 - 7:00 pm Concert 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Concert and buffet \$14 for adults \$5 for children under 12 Concert Only - \$5

FCA RECEIVES GRANT FROM FINLANDIA FOUNDATION NATIONAL

FCA is the proud recipient of a \$5,000 grant from Finlandia Foundation National to grow the amenities and audience of its annual Scandinavian Market, which will be hosted at FCA in November 11, 2023. The Scandinavian Market includes a broad selection of Finnish food, holiday offerings, art, music, and imported goods provided by dozens of volunteers and vendors. One of FCA's most successful events, the market attracts over 700 guests. We look forward to making it even bigger and better in 2023 with FFN's support.

If you would like to be a vendor at the 2023 market or have other questions, please contact Mia Lamminen, <u>mialamminen@gmail.com</u> or the FCA office at (248) 478-6939.



SUNSHINE LADY

Sending get-well cards, thinking-ofyou cards, words-of-encouragement cards to members.

This little-known function has been around for many years, and can only be accomplished when I am notified that someone needs a card. Send or call your card requests to the attention of the "Sunshine Lady" at the FCA.

Thank you, Eunice Potti Gould

NOVI CONCERT BAND Friday, June 2



The Novi Concert Band has given dozens of performances over the years at the FCA. This photo is from their most recent in December, 2022. Note the Finnish Flag on the right behind the band. Director Scott Cramer is on the far right of the second row. Learn more at <u>Novi Concert Band | Facebook</u>

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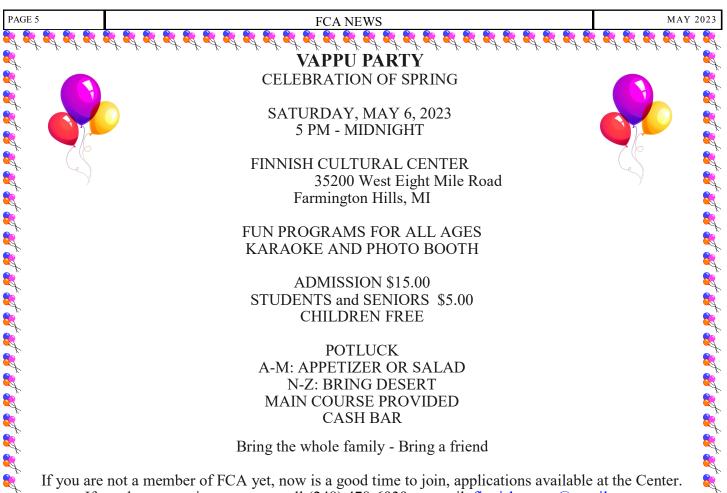
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NORDIC HERITAGE FOLK DANCE PRACTICE					
GOAL:	To have fun while preserving our Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish culture through folk dancing.				
FOR:	Everyone who would like to have fun learning basic steps and simple dances from the Nordic countries along with more complex dances for the experienced folk dancer.				
AGES:	6 - 100				
WHEN:	Sunday, May 21, 2023	2 B	K Real		
WHERE:	Finnish Center Association 35200 W. Eight Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI				
TIME:	2:00 - 5:00 pm	FS.V			
If you h	have any questions please email Glendene Thornbloom at <u>gathorn4@gmail.com</u> or the FCA at <u>finnishcenter@gmail.com</u>		A		
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Scandinavian Gift Shop OPEN COPEN COPEN COPEN

The Flea Market was a huge success and well attended. Thank you to everyone who helped, donated baked goods or rented space. Thank you to Jim Lee and Paul Rajala for their help with table set up and to Ed O'Brien for publicity. Thank you to Nancy Rajala and Katy Koskela for the hours spent sifting through storage areas and setting it out on the tables to sell. Thank you also goes to Sherrill Tedford and Chris Burrell who helped sell the baked goods, pasties, pulla and coffee. Janet Suomi did another great job in the gift shop and Annikki Kurvi who sold vintage lace items. Kittos to all!

SOCIAL NEWS

Saturday, May 6
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Mother's Day Brunch Catered by Michael's Touch of Class RSVP Strongly Recommended
Saturday, June 24
Juhannus Food and Bonfire (Details to follow)
Mary O'Brien Social Chairperson



If you have questions you can call (248) 478-6939 or email: <u>finnishcenter@gmail.com</u>

FINLANDIA GARDENS MUSINGS

What can be more beautiful than the month of May? Our gardens have come alive again with the blooms of spring. Birds are nesting, geese and ducks are scurrying, and all seems right at the Finnish Center. We hope you are aware of the magic happening around us. Each year we say we will not let spring go by without taking note of the beauty and renewal that can be seen. Yet, with the myriad activities and responsibilities we must attend to, we can forget to look around us to delight in this season.

Our gardeners have been busy removing winter damage in Finlandia Gardens, adding flowering annuals, and putting out seasonal materials that enhance our center. We enjoy giving tours of the gardens, showing new additions, and helping to enhance your visitation to the Finnish Center. We have a guest book in which you can note your reactions and suggestions for improving our garden presentation.

This year we will feature a vegetable garden for sharing our bounty with the seniors at Tapiola. Our Little Free Libraries will continue providing selections for young readers and adults. Your use and donations of books is greatly appreciated. Photographs you take of our gardens can be sent to <u>dcs37mgsc@earthlink.net</u> and may be featured on our garden website, finlandiagardens.org, or in our newsletter. If you have a gardening question we are happy to assist in providing a helpful answer. Many of our gardeners are MSU Master Gardeners and are willing to assist in resolving gardening problems. New signs, found on many of our perennial trees, shrubs, and plants, should be helpful in making a garden visit meaningful.

If you would like to present a memorial for a loved one in Finlandia Gardens such as a tree, shrub, or statuary we would be pleased to discuss possible options. Lastly, we appreciate your donations to the gardens, your comments, and the opportunity to assist you in your gardening adventures.

Submitted by David Sharpe

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NOTHER'S DAY

MAY 14, 2023 11AM-3PM

sliced prime rib chicken divan scrambled eggs potatoes o'brien ham / bacon / sausage pancakes / french toast fruit table \$36.50 per person 6% sales tax 20% gratuity

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FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY CLOSING PROMPTS FEARS ABOUT FATE OF THE FINNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE

On April 22, 2023, Finlandia University and the Finlandia Foundation National announced their intention to work together to preserve the University's Finnish American Heritage Center, its archives, folk school, art gallery, North Wind Books and the monthly publication, *The Finnish American Reporter*.

The announcement follows the March 2 decision of the University Board of Trustees that the school will not enroll students for the 2023-2024 academic year and seek dissolution. Established in 1896 as Suomi College, Finlandia University is the last remaining institution of higher learning in North America founded by Finns. "Finlandia University is incredibly pleased that we have been able to partner with Finlandia Foundation National in order to move toward preservation of the entities at Finlandia University that are the most unique part of our history – our Finnish heritage," University President Timothy Pinnow said.

"Knowing that the Finnish American Heritage Center . . . will have a chance to continue the legacy of Finlandia University and Suomi College gives us all a significant ray of light in the midst of the darkness of losing our beloved University. We cannot express our gratitude to Finlandia Foundation National enough for their generous support." Since its opening in 1990, the Finnish American Heritage Center has become a community focal point and a national center, offering a folk school, art exhibits, lectures, plays, musical programs and community events each year," said Anne-Mari Paster, president of the Finlandia Foundation National.

The Finnish American Heritage Center is an official partner of the Keweenaw National Historical Park's Heritage Site. Although owned by Finlandia University, it interprets and preserves an important aspect of the area's copper mining history and provides a unique visitor experience.

Dissolution proceedings on behalf of the University were filed in the Ingham County Circuit Court on March 22, 2023, by attorney Zac Kester of the Indianapolis law firm, Charitable Allies. Anthony J. Kochis of Livonia is serving as local counsel. Circuit Judge Joyce Draganchuk appointed O'Keefe & Associates of Bloomfield Hills as receiver on April 5, 2023. O'Keefe is a financial and strategic advisory firm specializing in corporate and non-profit finance, litigation support, turnaround, restricting and dissolution. "We are thrilled that O'Keefe has been appointed the receiver for Finlandia University," said Pinnow. "Patrick O'Keefe and his team have personal experience in higher education and understand the importance of Finlandia to the region and Finnish community."

"The Finlandia Foundation has already submitted a bid to purchase the Heritage Center and its contents as well as the bookstore and perhaps even Old Main, the original sandstone building on campus," said James Kurtti, its retired former director. "Court cases involving multiple buildings, creditors and the like, it will likely take a while although the receiver vows that he wants to be done before October – not wanting to be concerned about hearing buildings, etc., in winter.'

Submitted by Neil Lehto





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Applicant/Spouse	
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City State Zip code Signature Are you of Finnish descent? Annual membership, single, one vote	One and two bedroom rentals. Convenient and affordable in highly desirable Farmington Hills, MI Contact us at: Tapiola Village (248) 471-3802 www.fcaseniorhousing.org
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 Annual membership, family, one vote	THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME 33603 Grand River, Farmington, MI (248) 474-4131 Paul N. Potti, Director