



UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Annual Sisterhood Wine Tasting

Friday, October 2, 2009, 8-10:00 p.m.

Come enjoy wines from around the world, with light hors d'oeuvres. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reserve your seat with Joni Sennhenn by September 25 at 248-882-4626 or jsennhenn@comcast.net. Featuring music by Bruce Foxworthy, plus a white elephant sale.

Autumn Fest and Mojakka Cook-off

Saturday, October 3, 2009, 3-10:00 p.m.

Please join the fun at the Finn Camp Scholarship Committee's Autumn Fest and Mojakka Cook-off. Finnish and Finnish American music by Steve Niemi and Friends will be highlighted. Adults are \$5.00, children 5 to 17 are \$3.00 and families are \$15.00 (parents and children ages 5 to 17). Wear your favorite Finn Camp shirt or hat and you'll be entered into a raffle. Come see apple cider in the making too. Please enter the *mojakka* contest by sending an email to finnculture@yahoo.com no later than Friday, October 2. Include the type of *mojakka* (e.g., beef, fish, pork, chicken, vegetarian). The *mojakka* must be in a crockpot or microwave/oven-safe container and dropped off at the Ravintola by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 3. Judging will be from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. This event is open to DFCSCA members and their guests only. All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund, so *come hungry!*

Semiannual Membership Meeting

Sunday, October 25, 2009. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Meeting begins promptly at noon. All members are encouraged to attend this very important annual meeting. Many essential issues are discussed and voted on at this meeting. If you wish to have your voice heard, you need to attend this meeting. We are a cooperative organization and thus need everyone to contribute in discussions and votes to make the Finn Camp a better place.



Children's Halloween Fun Night

Sponsored by the Recreation Committee

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Trick or Treat in West Side camp country from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bring treats to pass out to all the little ghosts and goblins! Wear a costume if you dare! If you don't own a camp, haunt an empty one ... just beware! (West Side camps only, please, so the kids do not have to cross Loon Lake Road.) Meet in the Clubroom for a potluck dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite freaky food for the buffet table. Volunteers are needed to organize and direct games—no volunteers, no games! Volunteers are also needed to help organize the hayride. If you would like to volunteer, please call Jennifer Barrett at 248-669-4674.



Loon Lake

Photo by Erick Leskinen

With the cooler overnight temperatures as we enter the autumn season, mist hangs over Loon Lake.



Fright Night in the Clubroom!

Adult Halloween Party

October 17, 9:00 p.m.

Come and do the MonsterMash!



Prizes for:

**Best
Costumes**



Scariest



Ugliest



And Most Original



*A dish for the food table is appreciated
and will keep the evil spirits from
haunting your camp!*

**Ghosts, Ghouls and Finns
Be there or be scared!**

Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 7, 3-6:00 p.m in the Clubroom. Turkey, salads and potatoes will be provided. Please bring a veggie dish.

Please join the bar committee for this annual event.

“Kalevala: Land of Heroes” a Great Success!

The August 22 performance of “Kalevala: Land of Heroes” in the Dance Hall was a great success! The matinee and evening audiences each had more than 90 people. Playwright Paul Olson’s adaptation of the Finnish national epic captivated both audiences with its drama, magic, and mythical heroes Väinämöinen, Ilmarinen and Lemminkäinen.

The 21 members of the Peninsula Arts Appreciation Council (PAAC) traveled from Negaunee in the U.P. on Friday evening and worked into the wee hours of Saturday morning to be ready for the first performance. They transported a unique four-sided scenery set, costumes for 16 actors, props that included a ship and an eagle that spanned the entire stage—and still found time to rehearse before the 11 a.m. matinee!



Kalevala: Land of Heroes.

photo by Erick Leskinen

Thank you to everyone who attended, who volunteered before, during and after the performances, who donated their camps for the weekend, who helped behind the scenes, who sold pasties between the performances, and to the Voima Boys for an awesome Sunday breakfast.

And a special thank you to the event's cosponsors, the Kalevas and the Finnish Center Association, for their support. On Saturday morning, Hilikka of the Kalevas served the PAAC a delicious continental breakfast in the Clubroom while FCA members were busy baking over 200 pasties, delivering them fresh from the oven!

From the imaginative scenery and beautiful costumes to the actors' wonderful interpretation of Elias Lönnrot's collection of ancient poems and songs, the Dance Hall stage was the perfect setting for honoring Finland's literary treasure.

Kiitos,
Carol Melancon
DFCSCA Cultural Committee

The 33rd Annual Finn Fest proved to be another successful event with wonderful weather, fabulous food, spectacular softball games, entertainment from the porch all day and dancing into the night. Dunk tanks, face painting and friendly challenges in the horseshoe pits and at the pitching booth provided lots of fun and laughter for our members and guests!

It takes countless hours to pull this event together and as Finn Fest chairperson I would like to send out a BIG, BIG thanks to all our members and friends who pitched in, no matter how large or small the task. In the true meaning of "cooperative," such contributions of your time and efforts are priceless!

It was especially great to have so many new faces coming out to work with us this year. Although it's impossible to list everyone, I would like to acknowledge a few key players. *Kiitos to* Greg Pelto and Lisa Santti for keeping us fed in the kitchen and food tent; to Wayne Jokinen, Ray Malila and Denny Sennhenn for quenching our thirst at the beer truck and in the bar; to Jeff Pype for an awesome softball tournament and to Paul Salo, Todd Pype and Gary Delavan for maintaining our ballfields all weekend; to Dick Pype and Tina Santti for tracking our funds and tickets; to Steve Niemi for giving us sound; to the Wixom VFW/American Legion for presenting our colors as well as to Dick Pype and Steve Niemi for the singing of our national anthems; to Jack Levoska, Arne Soderholm, Steve Niemi and Friends for their musical talents; to Patty Leppi for the 2009 Finn Fest t-shirts and other such items; to Larry Gooden for managing the security and grounds. And a big nod to the team who spent hours putting up and taking down the border fencing; to Gavin Wing for keeping our grounds and facilities in order all weekend—does anyone even realize that he is out there at 3 a.m. picking up the grounds for the next morning?



Finally, my special thanks to Denny, Larry and Jon for being the helping hands at the end of my arms at all times throughout the weekend!

Our yearly event has become a Finn Camp reunion of sorts in which many past members and old friends come out to visit and catch up, telling stories and sharing laughs of past festivals over a cold beer and a *makarra* or buttery ear of corn. If you didn't make it out this year, we're sorry we missed you but hope to share memories and laughs with you next time!

See you then: August 13–15, 2010.
Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman

Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Henry (Herm) Brandell, who passed away in Traverse City on August 30, 2009, at age 89. Herm was a member of the Finn Camp from its beginning and just recently had moved to Traverse City to be nearer to his only daughter, Barbara. Herm is also survived by his wife, Gert, and two grandsons. Gertrude is living in Traverse City, where her daughter, Barbara, resides. Sympathies can be sent to:

Boardman Lake Glens
800 Centre Pl #8
Traverse City, MI 49686
(231) 935-1665

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

All work hours need to be completed and cards turned in by October 31, 2009. Any required work hours that are not turned in by due date will be charged at the rate of \$15 per hour. If you still need to earn work hours, please contact one of the works administrators: Ralph Heikkinen, Don Matt, or Steve Melancon. Some of the projects are sauna rehab (Steve Melancon), rebuilding the stairs at the caretakers' home, plenty of painting, the garage, the summer kitchen and more.
Camp country closes November 1, 2009, after

the annual Talkoo.

Memorials and Condolences

If you know of current or former Finn Camp members who have died recently and you would like to have them recognized in this newsletter, please write to the editor: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org. with however much information you can supply: the person's full name and any more well known name, the town where they lived, the date they died, the names of immediate survivors if known, and any remembrances you would like to share of the deceased. If you can furnish a photo, that would be much appreciated. If not recent, adding the approximate year of the photo would help.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, October 11, 10 a.m., visitors at noon.
Visitors must sign in at the Clubroom at noon.
New members can visit at any meeting.

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, October 1, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Sisterhood Committee

October's meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 18, in the Clubroom at 6:30 p.m.



FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Get Your Newsletter by Email

To sign up to receive newsletters via email *only*, send us an email giving your first and last names, saying "Subscribe to Newsletters" in the subject line, to: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org. The emailed version is now the only way to see your newsletter in color.

Articles Wanted

Do you have a favorite memory of growing up at the Finn Camp you wish to share? Or perhaps an interesting story of Finn Camp history? Feel free to type up a couple paragraphs and send to newsletter_editor@finncamp.org. The newsletter committee is seeking fun and interesting stories from members to be published in the newsletter.

Newsletter Items

Finn Camp members are welcome to submit items of news to be published in the newsletter. Calendar items should include a brief description of the particular upcoming event or meeting and full contact information. **Items for the next newsletter are due by October 15.**

Email copy to:

newsletter_editor@finncamp.org.

Or mail it to:

Newsletter Editor

c/o DFCSA

2524 Loon Lake Rd.

Wixom, MI 48393-1654

Or place items in the Clubroom mailbox.

Board of Directors

President: Greg Pelto

Vice President: Patti Leppi

Treasurer: Dick Pype

Secretary: Millie Packard

Works Administrators: Ralph Heikkinen,

Don Matt, Steve Melancon

The 2010 calendar is under way!

This year's calendar is open to all Finn Camp committees that wish to include their events and meetings. In addition, for a small charitable fee of \$5.00, members are welcome to include special occasion dates such as a birthday or anniversary! In addition to the special events, the calendar will include many wonderful "Finn photos" to enjoy throughout the year.

Hurry! Deadline for submission is Sunday, November 1st.

Name: _____

Is the entry for a: Member Committee (please circle one)

ENTRY for calendar:

Members, please include \$5.00 for each date / submission. Funds raised will be used to purchase holiday gifts for those in need. If paying by check, make payable to Finn Camp Sisterhood. Questions can be emailed to tammie@tammieking.com

Return form to: Tammie King NO LATER than November 1, 2009

Camp Wanted

Prospective new member wishes to buy Finn Camp. Contact Luke Pelto at 313-420-7513