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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fall Talkoo

On Sunday, November 1, the annual Fall Talkoo will take place at the Finn Camp (*remember that daylight saving time ended and to change your clocks back*). This traditional end-of-the-season cleanup event is very important. A couple of hours are required from everyone to get the Finn Camp in shape and cleaned up for winter. The Talkoo begins at 10 a.m. Mojakka will be served for lunch at 1:00 p.m. The sauna will be open for all those who volunteer. The electricity will be turned off for the season after the Talkoo. All boats still unmarked at Sun Lake are subject to removal.



### Harvest Dinner

Saturday, November 7, 3-6:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Turkey, salads and potatoes will be provided. Please bring a veggie or dessert dish. *Please join the Bar Committee for this annual event.*

### Pikku Joulu “Little Christmas” (Children’s Christmas Party)

*Sponsored by the Recreation Committee* Sunday, December 6, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Come enjoy a wonderful afternoon of holiday cheer with family and friends. All new members, or if this is your first time at the party, please bring an unbreakable ornament to hang on the tree and add to our collection. (One per family.) Please put your name and this year 2009 on your ornament. Bring a dish to pass for our potluck lunch. Enjoy traditional *riisi puuro*. Join the kids in a singalong of our favorite Christmas carols as we anxiously await a visit from Santa. To participate in the kids’ grab bag bring a wrapped gift labeled with your child’s name, to be put under the tree. Please limit your gift to \$10 to \$15. Anyone interested in helping with setup, decorating or cleanup please contact Robyn Jokinen at 810-287-4591, email: [rbjokinen@gmail.com](mailto:rbjokinen@gmail.com).

### Annual Camp Christmas Party

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 12, for the Board-sponsored adult Christmas party in the Clubroom.





## Children's Halloween Fun Night



Despite rain, everyone enjoyed the trick-and-treating on the west side camp area. There were many good costumes.



Huddling around the fire, under umbrellas, adults gave out treats. Afterward, children had their Halloween party in the Clubroom and enjoyed games in the Dance Hall.

## New Finn Camp Member

Please welcome our new member John Parkkila. John lives in Wixom and is looking forward to enjoying Finn Camp.

## Semiannual Membership Meeting Well Attended



On Sunday, October 25, the semiannual membership meeting was held in the Clubroom.

Over sixty members were in attendance. Financial and committee reports were presented from the past season. A delicious lunch prepared by Ginger Wing was served during the break. Old and new business was discussed and debated after lunch. We are a cooperative organization and need everyone to contribute in discussions and vote to make the Finn Camp a better place. Thanks to all members who were able to attend.

## Results of the Autumn Fest and Mojakka Cook-off

The Scholarship Committee's annual Autumn Fest and Mojakka Cook-off was held on Saturday, October 3. First place was won by Greg Pelto. Greg's name was added to the list of past winners stored inside the mojakka pot on display behind the bar in the Clubroom. Second place went to guest Markku Ketola. Third place was won by Patti Leppi. Finnish and Finnish-American music was provided by Steve Niemi and Friends.



This event was open to DFCSCA members and their guests. Best of all, the proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. Enough funds were raised from this event for one scholarship!

**Technical Assistance Request**

Help is requested for the Clubroom home theatre and audio system. Anyone with savvy technical knowhow in this area, please contact Dave Niemi.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS****Board of Directors**

Sunday, November 8, 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, November 5, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom.

**Sisterhood Committee**

Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom.

**Forest Management (Woods) Committee**

This committee meets every second Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the pole barn.

**Children's Play Now Available on DVD**

The recent children's play presented on Saturday, August 8, was captured on DVD and is now available. Please contact Martin Boatman for a copy (ph: 248-224-4741). Donations go to the Recreation Committee.

**The 2010 Calendar Is Under Way!**

The new year's calendar is open to all Finn Camp committees that wish to include their events and meetings. For a small charitable fee of \$5, members are invited to list special occasion dates. The calendar will include many "Finn photos" to enjoy throughout the year. Hurry: the deadline for submission is Sunday, November 1.

For questions contact Tammie King, [tammie@tammieking.com](mailto:tammie@tammieking.com).

**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](mailto:newsletter_editor@finncamp.org). The emailed version is now the only way to see your newsletter in color.

Newsletter committee members are: Kathy Bretschneider, David Hall, Sherry Kurin, Erick Leskinen and Brian Pelto, and Millie Packard (ex officio).

**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](mailto: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 November 15. Email copy to: [newsletter\\_editor@finncamp.org](mailto:newsletter_editor@finncamp.org).

Or mail it to:

Newsletter Editor  
c/o DFCSCA  
2524 Loon Lake Rd.  
Wixom, MI 48393-1654

Or place items in the Clubroom mailbox.

**Memorials and Condolences**

Please send condolences of present or former Finn Camp members who have passed away for recognition to the editor: ([newsletter\\_editor@finncamp.org](mailto:newsletter_editor@finncamp.org).) If you can





furnish a photo, that would be much appreciated. If not recent, adding the approximate year of the photo would help.

### **Board of Directors**



President: Greg Pelto  
Vice President: Patti Leppi  
Treasurer: Dick Pye (not shown)  
Secretary: Millie Packard (not shown)  
Works Administrators: Ralph Heikkinen,  
Don Matt, Steve Melancon

### **SERVICES OFFERED**

#### **Free “Services Offered” Section**

All members are invited to list here any services—for pay or barter—that they would like to advertise. Whether it’s a service such as handyman or seamstress or pet care, or seasonal activities like garage sales, we will be listing these in upcoming newsletters. All you have to do is provide—via your business card or information you supply by mail or email to the newsletter editor (see “Newsletter Items,” above) the following information: The Type of Service Offered; A Description of Just What You Do as the Service Provider; Your Price (Hourly Rate, Job Rate, To Be Negotiated, or whatever); Your Name; and Your Contact Information (Preferred Method and Times: Phone, Email, etc.). Total length, including spaces, should not exceed 50 words, not counting the headings. (Overlength copy will be edited for fit.) The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the fifteenth of each month.

### **Erick Leskinen—Photographer**

Would you like a portrait of your family, photograph of your children at the beach or playing ball? I am up to the challenge of getting photographs you will cherish for a lifetime. Email: [erick@ErickLeskinen.com](mailto:erick@ErickLeskinen.com) or call 248-624-6188.

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