



*A damselfly rests on a water lily in Sun Lake.*

*Photo by Erick Leskinen*

## CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

### July

- 1 – Future Planning, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 7 – Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., no visitors
- 12 – Swimming Lessons Registration, noon, Sun Lake
- 14 – Sisterhood Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 15 – Newsletter Items Due
- 18 – Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 24 – **Sisterhood Floatilla**, Sun Lake
- 24 – **Vesa Oja Photo Slideshow**, 8 p.m., Dance Hall
- 31 – Bar Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 31 – **Hawaiian Luau**, 9 p.m., Clubroom

### August

- 7, 8 – **Children's Weekend**
- 13, 14, 15 – **Thirty-fourth Annual Finn Fest Weekend**
- 28 – **Camp Crawl**, 6:00 p.m. *Ravintola*

**Friday Night Grill:** Fridays, 6-8:30 p.m., *Kentta*

See "Upcoming Events" section for more details.

## Fishing Derby Day



*Moe Reed landed a 29 3/4 inch northern pike.*

## Congratulations!



Meaghan Linick graduated in May with a B.A. in economics from New School University in New York. She graduated with honors and was recognized as the top graduate in her class. She is currently interviewing

in New York and plays the keyboard in an all-girl rock band.

Thanks to those who volunteered their time, donated items or food and came to the fishing derby on June 13. The weather was iffy—even rather chilly—but spirits were high. A lot of fish, a lot of fun, a lot of laughs and a lot of prizes! For those who weren't able to make it this year, we missed you. On a formal note, please see me to have your work hours card signed for those who worked that day. Thanks again. —Sue Slaughter



## Member Spotlight

*This article is the first in what the editors of your newsletter hope will become a regular series of Member Spotlight explorations, interviewing longtime Finn Camp members. We begin with Reino Mustonen, whose family were charter members when the Association was formed in 1925.*



Rey Mustonen

### What was the camp like when you first joined?

Sun Lake had a swampy shore. The lake was accessed by logs layered throughout the swampy shore into the muck. The upright logs were further sunk into the muck by leveraging with manpower. They then served to form the basis for the tower and dock. Multiple logs were used at the tower end.

What is now the athletic field was a marshy field. The existing property had a farmhouse, which housed the caretaker, and had a large red barn at the site of the now existing farmhouse [2490 Lyonia, at the corner of Loon Lake Road, where our caretakers have lived. —Ed. note]. The first sauna was built nearby. The first year we camped with a pup tent on the ground. I remember a particularly hot night when we pulled up the sides to get relief from the heat but had to pull them down again due to the voracious mosquitoes. This action was repeated when the heat became intolerable.

### You studied at the University of Michigan. What year did you graduate, and what was your major? And what type of work did you do during your working career?

I received my bachelor's degree of science in mechanical engineering in 1938 and then a master's degree in

mechanical engineering in 1940, both from the U. of M. I worked designing special machines at a machine tool manufacturer from 1938 to 1954. I also worked at the GM Technical Center, until retirement in 1974. There I started as a project engineer in Mechanical Engineering, advancing to head that department. Our mission was to develop new processes and machines for use by the various GM divisions. Ultimately, I advanced to Process Staff Engineer.

### Do you have any particular hobbies?

Designing and making gadgets for special uses, like the Clubroom handicapped ramp. Also architectural design: the sauna, kitchen, public bathrooms, and stage, plus golf, reading, and spectator sports.

### What are some of your favorite memories of the Finn Camp, from a long time ago or more recently?

Staying in the camp for the whole summer. Fishing and swimming at Sun Lake. Playing ball and many other childhood games.

### What was the camp like before the modern bath-houses were built, and before the Clubroom was completed?

The members built pit toilets, which were moved to a new pit as required. The construction was simple. The fully enclosed unit had a two-foot by four-foot seat with a two-foot by four-foot back to prevent falling in. It had extensions on the exterior to facilitate carrying it to a new location. The toilet paper used was newspapers or old catalogs (nongloss) such as Sears and Roebuck.

### We understand there were dances in the Dance Hall every weekend during the summer months. Did you attend these, and if so, what were they like?

Prior to the Dance Hall being built, a square, elevated platform with a railing was used for dances and programs. After the Dance Hall was built, there were frequent dances held there, with accordion music featuring Finnish and other dances like the schottische, polka, hamppu and waltzes. As I grew older I learned to do these dances plus the fox trot. I will always have this image in my mind of the elder women sitting on the long benches watching and contemplating who was sweet on whom. Later, someone introduced square dancing, which was a lot of fun, primarily because of the mistakes people made.

**How many of your family members and relatives are camp members?**

Five; me and my son Gary Mustonen, my daughter Norma Dernberger, and two grand-daughters,, Kristen (Tury) and Jody. Past members were founding members, my parents August and Fanni Mustonen and a former member, another daughter Lois Mustonen Brooks.

**New Members**

Charles Koskela, father of four children, two being young adults. Charles remembers being a guest here and wants his children to be able to share in the same kind of fond memories.

Kevin Mack, son of Andrea and Walter Mack and grandson of the late Eino and Rhea Sorvari. He and his wife Kasey have two daughters, Skylar (three) and Hailee (one).

Kelly Gieselman, her husband, Tom Gieselman, and son's Michael and Daniel. Kelly spent her childhood out here; she is the daughter of Bud Herbert and the late Judy Mack Herbert.

Please welcome all these new members!

**New Camp Reservation Agent**

Caren Boatman is now our agent in charge of all camp usage by non-members, after dedicated service in this capacity by Cindy Maddick. The reservation agent reports directly to the board. The Camp Reservation Agent is responsible for keeping track of the Association's camp and when it is available. In addition, Caren will be responsible for any member camp being used by a nonmember: seeing that the appropriate fees are paid to the Association. It is the member's responsibility to notify Caren when someone is using their camp. Caren can be contacted at 248-827-7813.

**Board Notes and Reminders**

The board would like to remind all members that, as stated in the Blue Book, no one can sell or purchase a camp without board involvement. Anyone contemplating a camp sale is therefore advised to familiarize themselves with the procedures by getting in touch with the Board of Directors at 248-624-2550.

The board is not a party to the monetary transaction, but it must transfer and register title to the camp. One reason for board involvement is simply to protect all parties to the sale, including the Association. For instance, a buyer might not be aware of balances due on

the camp property and could thus take on financial liabilities without recognizing it. Or if the Association were not informed about a sale, monies due to the Association for other reasons might not be collected.

We have several summer projects that need workers, painters, mechanics, plumbers, and people with strength. Keep in mind that workers won't just be given a project, they'll be part of a team and under the supervision of a lead person. So for instance, if you're not a carpenter, but can swing a hammer, someone will be there to direct you so you don't have to worry about a lack of knowledge, just join in and get your work hours in. Please see one of the three works administrators: Linda Gooden, Ralph Heikkinen, or Don Matt

No animals are permitted on the grounds unless they are properly leashed or under control, nor are animals permitted in the public eating areas. Members are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. "Dogs shall not create a nuisance by barking or baying." (Blue Book 203.1.3)

Members using the outdoor sink on the west side, please keep it clean for other campers to use. Additional complaints will require action and the sink may have to be pulled.

Be considerate to your neighbors; camp country quiet hours are 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Keep all bathrooms clean. Please do not deposit your camp trash there or in the trash cans outside of the bathrooms. Dumpsters for campers to deposit their trash, are located in the parking lot of the Clubroom.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCS-CA calendars. If you are planning an event and want to check the availability of a specific facility on a certain date, the only way to confirm this is to check with Karen Pype (248-926-6219).*

**Recreation Committee News****Swimming Lesson Information**

We are very fortunate to have Tracey Calnen as our swimming instructor this year. Registration for swimming lessons will be on Monday, July 12, at noon at the Sun Lake beach. This day will include a swimming assessment (water test) to determine the placement of the children in classes and will establish class times.



Testing will be held at times according to the child's age as of July 12:

ages 10 and older: noon

ages 7–9: 1:00 p.m.

ages 4–6: 2:00 p.m.

age 3: Children this age do not require testing but will play a game with Tracey at 2:30 p.m.

Swimming lessons will be held Mondays through Thursdays until Thursday, August 5. Fridays will serve as makeup days if needed, due to inclement weather. The annual swim meet will be held Saturday, August 7, at 1:00 p.m. This will be a time for all swim lesson participants to display their new swimming skills through friendly competition.

## Cost of Lessons

Members: \$30 for one child, \$50 with two children, \$65 with three

Nonmembers: \$75 for one child, \$130 with two children, \$180 with three

## Children's Weekend Information

### Saturday, August 7

1 p.m.: Swim meet at the Sun Lake beach

5–7 p.m.: Dinner—hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken sandwiches and a salad bar at the *Ravintola* (outdoor kitchen).

8 p.m.: Children's Program/Play at the Dance Hall. Bake Sale/Desserts: Immediately following the program.

### Sunday, August 8

8–11 a.m.: Breakfast at the *Ravintola*, cooked by the dads.

11:30 a.m.: Track meet. Sign up at the A Field.

Noon: Track meet; A Field.

Many volunteers are needed on Children's Weekend to make it a success! Kitchen help is needed for breakfast and dinner. We also need volunteers for the Children's program/play and the track meet.

The Recreation Committee appreciates your continued support of the Finn Camp Children's Weekend traditions! —Kathy Bretschneider

## Presentation by Noted Finnish Photojournalist

On Saturday, July 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the Dance Hall, the Finn Camp will be honored to have Vesa Oja, pre-



senting some of his work at a special event slideshow and talk. Mr. Oja has worked as a photojournalist for the leading Finnish national newspaper, *Helsingin Sanomat*, since 1978.

Mr. Oja is visiting the United States gathering material for a major photography project with the title of *Finglish—Photographs of Finns in North America*. The full project includes a book, a photo exhibition and a Web site that will document through photographs, videos and interview material the experiences of Finns in North America. In a previous photo book, *Toinen Eurooppa (The Other Europe)* Mr. Oja documented the disintegration of socialism in eastern Europe and the civil wars in the Balkans.

During the years 2004 to 2009, Vesa Oja spent a total of a full year on tour photographing the United States and Canada under grants from the Finlandia Foundation National, the Finnish Cultural Foundation, the Jane and Aatos Erkko Foundation, the Patricia Seppälä Foundation and the Institute of Migration, as well as an Eero Erkko scholarship. During his travels, the author has visited the most important regions with Finnish inhabitants on the North American continent, from Sointula on Vancouver Island to Florida, meeting hundreds of descendants of Finnish immigrants. —Sponsored by Newsletter/Web site Committee



## Hawaiian Luau

Aloha! Stop mowing your lawn now, so that your grass skirt will be the right length in time for our adult Luau on Saturday, July 31, at 9:00 p.m. [This goes for everyone except the bar(e)tenders.] Hawaiian shirts—loud enough to be heard outside the *kentta*—coconut bras, and authentic Hawaiian music will be the order of the day in the Clubroom, along with fun, food and prizes. Bringing a dish to pass for the food table will be appreciated. Come and get lei'd! Note that this is an adult event; no children, please. —Sponsored by Bar Committee

## Thirty-fourth Annual Finn Fest Weekend

This year Finn Fest will be August 13, 14, and 15. More information in the August newsletter.

## Third Annual Camp Crawl

Our third annual camp crawl is scheduled for, Saturday, August 28. Registration for the scavenger hunt starts at 6:00 p.m. at the *Ravintola*. If you are going to open your camp to the crawlers, please preregister, to be included on this year's map. For details, call Tammie King at 248-624-6691 or email her at [tammie@tammieking.com](mailto:tammie@tammieking.com). —Sponsored by Sisterhood Committee

## Finn Grand Fest 2010

This year's Finn Grand Fest will be July 28 through August 1 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. For more information: [www.finngrandfest2010.com](http://www.finngrandfest2010.com). Phone: 705-575-FINN (3466), Fax: 705-575-1468  
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## Board and Committee Meetings

### Board of Directors

Wednesday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m., no visitors.  
Sunday, July 18 at 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon.  
Visitors must sign in at the Clubroom area.

### Future Planning Committee

Thursday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

### Bar Committee

Saturday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubroom.

### Sisterhood Committee

Wednesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubroom.

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Notices of current or former Finn Camp members who have recently passed away are especially welcomed if they can include a recent photo, or one dated as exactly as possible. All reasonable care will be taken with originals.

**Copy Deadline:** All items for inclusion in future newsletters must be received by the 15th day of the month preceding the date of the issue being prepared. For instance, the deadline for the August issue would be July 15.



## Famous Finns from A to Z

The second in an occasional series of not too Finnick looks into the lives of noteworthy Finns.



Aho. In Finnish, a clearing or glade. Esko Aho (1954– ) headed Finland's Centre Party (1990–2002). When he became Prime Minister in 1991, at the age of 36, he was then the youngest head of state in all Europe as well as the youngest-ever Finnish Prime Minister. Juhani Aho, the pen name of Johannes Brofeldt (1861–1921), had a greater affinity for clearings and glades. His enduring short stories Lastuja or Chips (in eight series from 1891 on) described peasant life, fishing, and the wildlife of the lakelands.

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*Welcome back, kids!*

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*Contact Katri Pietila for more information.*

### FOR SALE: Camp #102

*Camp #102 for sale on west side. Asking price is \$3,200.00. Call 586-291-0420 for more information.*

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