



## CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

### August

- 5 – Future Planning, 7:30 p.m. Boardroom
- 7,8 – Children's weekend
- 11 – Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. no visitors
- 11 – Sisterhood Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Clubroom
- 13,14,15 – Thirty-fourth Annual Finn Fest
- 22 – Board meeting, 10:00 a.m. visitors at noon
- 28 – Camp Crawl, 6:00 p.m.

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSA 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).

### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Finn Fest

The Finn Camp's annual Finn Fest—the 34th—is being held Friday through Sunday, August 13–15. With everyone's help and support we will have another fabulous weekend at the Finn Camp! Make plans to come out: work some hours, visit and catch up with other members, family, and friends, and join us in cheering on our Voima Boys softball team!

The festivities begin on Friday, August 13, with the kitchen and beer truck opening at 5:00 p.m. The Home Run Derby will start around 6:30 p.m. Come out and watch the big hitters knock 'em into the woods! Then, at 9:30 p.m., a DJ will be getting the action in the Clubroom moving. On Saturday, August 14, the kitchen will open at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast, and food will be available all day in the *Ravintola* or the food tent. The softball tournament also begins at 8:00 a.m., with games on our "A" field and the Gilbert Willis Park fields. Flagraising

ceremonies by the Wixom VFW post will be at 11:00 a.m. on the festival grounds. There will be music and entertainment from the Dance Hall porch plus 50/50 raffles, the pitching booth, a dunk tank, a round-robin horseshoe tournament, bocce ball, kids' activities, and the sale of Finn Camp/Finn Fest merchandise all day. Save room on your dance card for Saturday night, beginning around 9:00 p.m. with live music in the Dance Hall!

For Sunday, August 15, the kitchen will again be open for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and food will once more be available all day. Softball will continue on all three fields, with the championship game on the Finn Camp "A" field and trophy presentation in the late afternoon. Music, raffles, and other activities will continue as well. This is our major fundraising event of the entire year, so many workers are needed in all areas throughout the weekend. Because we are a cooperative association, please give a few hours of your time, and pitch in to help make our festival successful once again!

**Work hours signup sheets are already posted at Sun Lake Beach.** For further information or with questions, contact Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman, by email at [rjokinen@gmail.com](mailto:rjokinen@gmail.com) / Cell Ph: 810-287-4591.



## 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 / *Beauty and the Beast* 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

### 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 the Sisterhood Committee.



### Nyt Naura—Now Laugh

#### *With the Suomalainen Sisters*

The Suomalainen Sisters—Kris, Sherry and Linda Kyro—will perform at this year's Autumn Fest on Saturday, September 25, at 3:00 p.m. in the Finn Camp Dance Hall. The trio has been performing their hilarious Finnish comedy and music to sold out audiences throughout the UP and at International Finn Fests since 2005.

Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and teens, \$10 for children 12 and younger. (At-the-door tickets are \$20 and \$15.) For advance tickets, send an email to [FinnCulture@Yahoo.com](mailto:FinnCulture@Yahoo.com).

Include your name, contact information and the number of tickets.

More information about the Suomalainen Sisters and the Annual Mojakka Cookoff will appear in the next newsletter. All Finn Camp proceeds benefit the DFCSA Scholarship Fund.





### Men's Golf Scramble

After being postponed once because the River Bank Golf Course in South Lyon flooded, the June 27 men's scramble continued, with 55 participants. Shown here (left to right) are Dave Grogan, Dave Niemi, Eric Feldt and Chris Ballard.

### Third Annual Wine Tasting

Those of you who receive your Finn Camp Newsletter in printed form will see there an announcement for the Third Annual Wine Tasting as being scheduled for Friday, September 24. However, a scheduling conflict has made this date unavailable for the wine tasting. Complete, final details about this event's date and particulars will be provided in the September issue. We regret any inconvenience this incorrect announcement might have caused anyone.

### Condolences

Paula Hollmen Tasso, a previous member of the Finn Camp, died on July 7 at the age of 87. Her parents were charter members. Paula and her sister, Kaarli, grew up at the Finn Camp and graduated from Wayne State University. Paula married and moved to New York; Kaarli also married, and moved to California. Both

continued as members of the Finn Camp, spending their summers in their East Side camp (number 15), with their children, in the 1950s and 1960s. *The editors would like to thank Harry Kansman for submitting this information.*

### The First Sauna

"Vilho Vatanen, a Finn, created the world's first sauna when he locked his wife in the smokehouse, set it on fire, beat her soundly with birch leaves—and discovered she loved it." — *Finnair* magazine, February 1978, courtesy of Karen Pype

### Famous Finns from A to Z

*The third in an occasional series of not too Finnickly looks into the lives of noteworthy Finns. This time we examine a surname itself rather than the lives of persons with that name.*

Aro. In Finnish, hard or infertile ground, wet meadow, swamp. It is "found both as a place name and as a surname throughout Finland. In many cases the surname was adopted during the name conversion movement in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, especially in southern Finland" (NameLab, [genealogy.familyeducation.com](http://genealogy.familyeducation.com)). Like last month's name, Aho (clearing, glade), Aro reflects the West Finnish tradition of names being based on their association with a particular area, farm, or homestead, because of Finland's predominantly agrarian status. Until the consolidation of names that occurred a century ago, a person's surname could change whenever he or she moved from one farm to another. Surnames were not inherited until 1921, when the use of them become compulsory for all Finns. In the 1990 U.S. Census, Aro was the 29,362<sup>nd</sup> most popular surname.



## BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The rental camp must be left clean by each party using it. It is up to them to go through the check out with Reservation Agent, Caren Boatman. Fees can be attached if the accommodations are not found to be left in satisfactory condition. This season the camp has been left dirty and trash has been left to spoil in the trash can. If your family is renting the camp please clean it before checking out. Thank you.

A reminder that camp sales and transfers have to be done with consent of the board.

A security safe is available through sealed bids. Sealed bids can be dropped off at the board room.

Works administrators are seeking members who need to fulfill their hours. One project is cleaning the outside grill before Finn Fest. See the works administrators for this project and others.

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Board of Directors:

President: Greg Peltó

Vice President: Denny Sennhenn

Treasurer: Dick Pype

Secretary: Millie Packard

Works Administrators: Linda Gooden, Ralph Heikkinen, Don Matt

### Board of Directors

Wednesday, August 11 at 7 p.m., no visitors

Sunday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m. visitors at noon

### Future Planning Committee

Thursday, August 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the boardroom.

### Sisterhood Committee

Wednesday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubroom.

## FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS

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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. .

### **Event Notices**

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 August 15. Email copy to: newsletter\_editor@finncamp.org

### **Candy, Ice Cream, Pizza and Razors**

are available to purchase at the sauna.

*Welcome back, kids!*

### **FOR SALE: Cord of Firewood**

*\$50 for members, \$75 for non members. Contact Mike Honka for more info. Ph. 248-860-5109*

## **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.

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