



**CALENDAR SNAPSHOT**

**September**

- 2 – Future Planning, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 4 – Bar Committee , 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 4 – Adult Pajama Party, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 5 – D.F.C.S.C.A. Annual Labor Day Adult Open Invitational Golf Tournament at Hickory Hill Golf Course - Wixom, registration begins at 11:30 a.m.
- 8 – Sisterhood Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 12 – Board meeting, 10:00 a.m.,visitors at Noon
- 18 – Campers’ Picnic, 7-9:00 p.m. *Ravintola*
- 25 – Autumn Fest, *Mojakka* Cook-off and Suomalainen Sisters Finnish Comedy

**Dock Repair**

The diving tower dock is scheduled for repairs, to raise it, starting after Labor Day. For you and your children’s safety, orange fencing will be placed around the dock. **Please keep away from the dock during repairs, because it will be very dangerous.** The tower can be accessed during the work only by swimming to it.

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

The Finn Camp’s annual Finn Fest—the 34th— was fantastic. A big thanks to Robyn Jokinen for chairing this event once again.

Softball competition winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Bayside Regulators
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Walled Lake Eagles
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Michigan Heat Firefighters



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSCA calendars. To plan an event and check availability of a specific facility on a certain date, confirm with Karen Pype (248-926-6219).

**Pajama Party**

Let’s party in our PJs! Join us at the Adult Pajama Party in the Clubroom on Saturday, September 4, at 9:00 p.m. There will be fun, food and prizes! Come and kick back in your PJs! Please bring a dish to share for the food table. Prizes for best-dressed guy, girl and couple. This is an adults-only event. *Sponsored by the Bar Committee.*

**The DFCSCA’s Annual Golf Tournament**

The September 5, Detroit Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association Annual Labor Day Open Invitational Golf Tournament at Hickory Hill Golf Course will be a scrambles tournament. Tee times are still available. Register at 11:30 a.m. Tee times are from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m: first come, first served. Nominal entry fees plus greens fees and optional cart rental. Open to all members. See or call Mary or Rob Johnson for more details and to sign up, at 248-624-4568.

**Campers’ Picnic**

This event will be Saturday, September 18, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this hot-dog roast. Two drink coupons will be issued per membership.

**Autumn Fest and Mojakka Cook-off**

On Saturday, September 25, join the laughter and musical fun at this year’s Autumn Fest and *Mojakka* Cook-off! The festivities begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Dance Hall with the Suomalainen Sisters—Kris, Sherry and Linda Kyro—performing their hilarious Finnish comedy and music routine, “Nyt Naura—Now Laugh!” The trio has been performing to sold-out audiences throughout the UP and at international Finn Fests since 2005. After the performance, stick around to meet the Sisters and visit with friends before heading down to the Clubroom about



5:00 for the annual *Mojakka* Cook-off. There you'll be able to dine on a variety of hearty *mojakkas* while being entertained by the music of the strolling musicians *Soittoniekat*.

### 3:00 p.m.: "Nyt Naura—Now Laugh!" With the Suomalainen Sisters

Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and teens, \$10 for children 12 and younger. (At-the-door tickets are \$20 and \$15, respectively.) For advance tickets, send an email to the following: [FinnCulture@Yahoo.com](mailto:FinnCulture@Yahoo.com). Include your name, contact information and number of tickets of each kind. Or leave a message with your name and contact information at 248-624-2550.

### 5:00 p.m.: *Mojakka* Cook-off, featuring the strolling musicians *Soittoniekat*

At-the-door only, adults are \$5, children 5 to 17 are \$3 and families are \$15 (parents and children ages 5 to 17).

**Enter the *Mojakka* Cook-off** by sending an email to [FinnCulture@Yahoo.com](mailto:FinnCulture@Yahoo.com) no later than Friday, September 24. Include your name, contact information, and the type of *mojakka* (e.g., beef, fish, pork, chicken, vegetarian). Your *mojakka* must be in a crockpot or microwave- and oven-safe container and be dropped off at the Clubroom by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 25. This event is sponsored by the DFCSCA, Finnish Center Association, Finnish American Historical Society, Finnish American Cultural Corporation, and The Knights and Ladies of the Kaleva. All Finn Camp proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund.

### Come to the Wine Tasting

Our Third Annual Wine Tasting is scheduled for Friday, October 8, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. There will be a variety of red and white Michigan wines, light appetizers, piano music by Bruce Foxworthy and a white elephant raffle. This event is limited to 50 people, so please reserve your spot early, by calling Joni Sennhenn at 248-882-4626 or emailing her at [jsennhenn@comcast.net](mailto:jsennhenn@comcast.net). Ticket prices are

\$17 per person, payable at the door only. Reservations must be made by October 1. This is an adults-only event; no children, please.

—Sponsored by the Sisterhood Committee

### Finn Grand Fest 2010

By Erick Leskinen

This year's Finn Fest was the first I have ever attended. It was just a short drive from Wixom to the event's site in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, for my mother and me to join some friends for four days at this year's festival. Lots of Finns, from primarily the United States and Canada, took over the town, with the Finnish flag on their cars. We took a room at the Delta Hotel in downtown Sault Ste. Marie, where the lectures were given. These lectures, about the heritage of Finnish immigrants, were very informative. And the music was delightful. Our Finn Camp member Steve Niemi played with a group on Wednesday night, and again Saturday morning.



*Sisu Dancers*

The dancing performances, in traditional Scandinavian costumes, were inspiring. We also saw the movie *Sisu—The Death of Tom Sukanen*, which I would recommend if you have a chance to see it. There was altogether a lot to do and see, more than can be described here. The only problem was delays at Customs crossing from Canada to the U.S.A.



*Thunder Bay's Adam Kates and Amanda Holdsworth in the wife-carrying contest. The couple, who had just become engaged two weeks earlier, placed first and won \$250.*

One of the most interesting displays I found in the *Tori*, or market, was a *lavvu*, a tentlike structure created by the Sami people of Lapland. I talked with Chris Pesklo of the firm Northern Lavvu about the design and history of the *lavvu*.



The *lavvu* (pronounced "LAA-voo" and spelled variously also as *lavvo*, *laavu* or *laavo*) is a temporary dwelling used by the Sami people of northern Scandinavia. Its simplicity has enabled the Sami to move quickly with their semi-domesticated reindeer herds at a moment's notice. The indigenous cultures on the treeless plains of northern Scandinavia and

the high Arctic of Eurasia have lived in harmony with nature in this basic structure.

Although the *lavvu* can be easily confused with the Native American tipi or teepee, it is not one. The differences between the two structures are reflected in their respective environments and cultures. With its being more closely centered to the ground, the *lavvu* is better able to endure the fierce winds of the Scandinavian tundra and is thus more stable than the Native American structure. Few such homes used by indigenous peoples, with the exception of the Inuit (Eskimo) igloo, are as stable in strong winds.

The *lavvu*'s centuries-old design reflects the life of the Sami culture as a community traveling in small, single-family groups. The *lavvu* is designed so that even a person traveling alone can quickly set one up with little effort. On the other hand, the Native Americans typically traveled in larger, multifamily groups and had extra hands to help in assembling their tipis. The *lavvu* is still in use today as a temporary shelter by the Sami reindeer herders of northern Scandinavia as well as for a year-round dwelling by the Nenets (also called Samoyeds and Yuraks) and Khants (Ostyaks) of the countries in the Russian Federation.

There is no comparable word for *lavvu* in the English language. The Sami did not have a written language until the mid-nineteenth century, so they derived much of their written terminology from the nation-state in which they resided: Norway, Sweden or Finland/Russia. Most English-language academic sources draw from Norwegian citations, so the *lavvu* spelling is most often used. If you would like more information about *lavvus*, visit the Northern Lavvu company's Web site: [www.lavvu.com](http://www.lavvu.com).



Helsinki photojournalist Vesa Oja and his wife, Paivi, spent a damp weekend July 23–25 as guests in an East Side camp to gain perspective on the Finnish American experience. Since 2004 he has been photographing Finnish communities throughout North America for a work scheduled to be published in Finnish and English in 2012. His Saturday evening slideshow of photos from this project was a wonderful experience for all who attended.

### **Famous Finns from A to Z**

*Another in our occasional series of not too Finnickly looks into the names of noteworthy Finns.*

Heikkinen. In Finnish, “small Henrik,” from *Heikki* (Henrik or Henry) plus the suffix *-nen* (small). Heikkinen is the ninth most common surname in Finland, according to Wikipedia. The only other Finn Camp surnames ranking in the top 10 are Nieminen (fourth) and Makela (sixth). Eight of the 10 most prominent individuals with the surname Heikkinen are sports figures, with one a singer and another an architect. Of the

eight, Ralph Heikkinen (1917–1990) was a pro in U.S. (that is, *real*), football, with the 1939 NFL Brooklyn Dodgers team—yes, there was a football team with that name too. Born in Hancock to Finnish immigrants, Heikkinen won an academic scholarship to the U of M, where he became the first player from the UP to win All-American honors (1939). Heikkinen was not one to imbibe Heineken: after a game, he typically drank a quart of milk, for a stomach disorder.

## **BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS**

### **Semiannual Membership Meeting**

Sunday, October 24. Registration starts at 11 a.m. The meeting begins promptly at noon. All members are encouraged to attend this very important annual meeting. Many essential issues are discussed and voted on. 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.

**Camp Reservation**—Members are reminded that renting of camps should be done through our Camp Reservation Agent, Caren Boatman, who may be contacted through her cell number, 248-224-2847. The rental camp must be left clean by each party and when they leave they should check out with Caren.

Camp sales and transfers have to be done with the consent of the board.

**Security Safe**—A security safe is available through sealed bids. Sealed bids can be dropped off at the Boardroom.



## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Board of Directors

Sunday, September 12, at 10:00 a.m.,  
Boardroom, visitors at noon

### Future Planning Committee

Thursday, September 2, at 7:30 p.m.,  
Boardroom

### Bar Committee

Saturday, September 4, at 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

### Sisterhood Committee

Wednesday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m.,  
Clubroom

## FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS

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### Event Notices

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