

**CALENDAR SNAPSHOT****October**

- 7 – Future Planning, 7:30 p.m. Boardroom
- 8 – Third Annual Wine Tasting - Clubroom
- 10 – Board meeting, 10: 00 a.m. visitors at noon
- 10 – Fall Classic Men’s Golf Scramble – River Bank golf course, registration at 8:00 a.m.
- 10 – Forest Management Meeting, meet at pole barn at 10:00 a.m.
- 13– Sisterhood Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Clubroom
- 23 – Adult Halloween Party, 9 p.m. Clubroom
- 24 – Semi-Annual Membership Meeting registration begins at 11:00 a.m. meeting begins at 12:00 noon
- 30 –Children’s Halloween Fun Night, Clubroom

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSA calendars. If you are planning an event and wish to check the availability of a specific facility on a certain date, please check with Karen Pype (248-926-6219)

Third Annual Wine Tasting

Sponsored by the Sisterhood Committee.

Our third annual wine tasting is scheduled for Friday, October 8, from 8:00 p.m. 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 at 248-882-4626 or email at jsennhenn@comcast.net Ticket prices are \$17 per person. Reservations must be made by October 1. Note that this is an adult event; no children please.

Fall Classic Men’s Golf Scramble

Sunday, October 10, at the River Bank Golf Course – South Lyon located at 10 Mile Rd. and Currie. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Tee-off at 9 a.m. Contact Dave Niemi to register.

Adult Halloween Party

Saturday, October 23, 9:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Prizes for best costumes. A dish for the food table is appreciated and will keep evil spirits from haunting your camp!

Semi-Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, October 24, Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. The meeting begins at noon. All members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting. Many important issues are discussed and voted on. If you wish to have your voice heard you need to attend this meeting. A light lunch will be served at the break for a nominal donation.

Children's Halloween Fun Night

Sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

Children's Halloween Fun Night is Saturday, October 30. Trick or Treat in west side camp country will start at 5:30 p.m. Bring a 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/direct games. (If there are no volunteers, there will be no games!) Volunteers are needed for the hayride.



(If there are no volunteers, there will be no hayride!) If you would like to volunteer, please call Kathy Bretschnieder (248) 821-6440

Fall Talkoo

Sunday, November 7, at 10 a.m. Meet at the Kentta. The fall Talkoo is Finn Camp's annual tradition of members coming together to help prepare the grounds for the winter. Please come out for this special event. All ages are encouraged to join in. Free mojakka and sauna when the work is complete for talkoo workers only.

Adult Christmas Party

The adult Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday December 18 at 8 pm. Bring a dish to pass and join the holiday fun.

Our 34th Annual Finn Fest was a hot one indeed! We enjoyed visiting with one another, playing horseshoes, listening to great entertainment from the Dancehall porch, dancing into the nights, and cheering on the softball teams. And neither the high temps and humidity, nor the brief thunderstorm of Sunday afternoon, could dampen the spirit of the festival and we are again thankful for a successful event!

It takes countless hours to pull this event together and **big thanks** go to all the members, members' children, and friends who gave their time working hours or simply pitching in as needed. Whether you were hanging pennants, putting up tents or fencing, or picking up sticks in preparation, shoulder deep in that bin of ice and water fishing for pop and Gatorade, manning the grill and fryer or getting steamed over that huge pot of corn or the unending sink of dishes, helping kids in the dunk tank, pitching booth, and bounce house, or sitting watch as security over the entrances, not to mention the clean up efforts of Monday, no



Jeff Pype focuses on a pitch.

Photo by Erick Leskinen

matter how large or small the task, the contribution of your time and efforts were in the true meaning of cooperative. For that, I thank you!

While impossible to list everyone, I need to acknowledge some of the key players. **Kiitos** to Greg Pelto, Chris and Lisa Santti, and the entire kitchen crew for the fabulous food enjoyed in the Ravintola and food tent; to Wayne Jokinen, Ray Malila, Denny Sennhenn, along with our awesome bar committee members for keeping the beers cold; to Jeff Pype for the spectacular softball tournament and Paul Salo for prep and maintenance of the fields with a special nod to Todd Pype, Gary Delavan, Mike Sturr, and Trevor McDonald for mopping up the field and getting us "back in the game" after the thunderstorms; to Dick Pype for managing all ticket sales and cashiers; to Tina Santti for keeping our books in check; to VFW/American Legion for presenting our colors and to Dick Pype and Steve Niemi for singing our National Anthems; to Arne Soderholm, Jack Levoska, Steve Niemi and friends for their annual musical talents and to Steve Niemi for giving us sound to hear them all; to Larry Gooden for security/parking detail; and to Gavin Wing for picking up after all of us! And finally, my special thanks Denny, Larry, and Kevin Foster



for being my “right hand men” throughout the weekend!

Finn Fest is a grand tradition and a great weekend to meet or visit with past or present members and friends. If you couldn't make it to the festival this year, we're sorry we missed you but hope that you'll plan to come out next year and join in the festivities! See you then, August 12th – 14th, 2011.

Robyn Jokinen
Finn Fest Chairman

Condolences

Three long time Finn Camp members recently passed away.



Earl Walfred Hill Of Farmington, formerly from Detroit, South Lyon and Negaunee, Michigan where he was born on 2-20-1930. He was released from his pain on September 6, 2010. Earl was 80 years old and the youngest son of 11 children to John and Hilma Hill. He is survived by his children: Marty and his wife Charleen of South Lyon, Patti (Arbour) Leppi and her husband Jim of Commerce, Ernie and his wife Juel of Missouri City Texas, Charlie of Houston, Texas as well as mother of Earl's children Jane Morgan and her long-time companion Ron Beaudoin. He is also survived by his siblings: Lorraine Riddell residing in Florida and Coy Hill, living in Ishpeming, Michigan. He

was an avid golfer and loved ski jumping. He was the proud winner of the Nation Ski Jumping Championship in 1952 in Salisbury Connecticut. He has five grandsons: Jacob Rudi Hills, Justin Paul Hill (Wife Lindsey), Alan Anthony Arbour, Ryan William Arbour, and Christopher Alan Hill. Earl was a tool and die maker by trade and worked for Borroughs Corporation for many years. Earl holds the record for the oldest person to dive from the 30 foot tower at Sun Lake at the age of 77. He loved life and his family and friends and will be missed. There was a Celebration of Life Party on Sunday, September 26, 2010 at the Finn Camp Clubhouse.



Mike Honka Sr. with grandson in Sauna.

Mike Honka Sr., (Russel Victor Honka) of Wixom was born August 12, 1927 in Sacramento, California to Victor and Mary (Nee: Juola) Honka and died September 3, 2010 at 83 years of age. A celebration of Mike's life was held on September 12 at the VFW Post 2269 in Wixom.



Hilma (Bille) Aho, of 2195 East Euna in the Finn Camp subdivision died August 28 at the age of 82. She was the beloved wife of the late George Aho, Sr. and the loving mother of George Jr., Gwen Grubbs (married to the late David Aho); Ginger Wing (husband Gavin) and Gordon and Gregg (wife Meg). Bille was a grandmother to eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and was sister to Gail Johnson (husband Carl). A memorial service was held on September 8, 2010 at the Finn Camp Clubroom.

My Finn Camp Memories

—Harry Kansman

My mother, Hilda Kansman, became a member of the D.F.C.S.C.A. on July 15, 1939, when I was 10 years old. Therefore, my memories of the Finn Camp cover 71 years. We started out with a double canvas-roofed camp on the east side. At that time we used kerosene lamps and stoves, since we didn't have electricity. We pumped water from wells and used outhouses at various locations on the 100 acres of Finn Camp property. Thirty acres of the property, north of Lyonia, was used for summer cottages, which was subdivided and sold in 1974 to interested members to become what is now the Finn Camp subdivision.

We bought most of our groceries from the Finn Camp store, which was under the Dance Hall, where the bar is now. Gus Tuovilla was the store manager. We bought fresh milk from two local farms, carrying our own containers to be filled. The farm of the Thurmans, who were also members, was where the Highgate subdivisions are now located. The Hopkins farm, the other milk source, was in the present Cliffs of Loon Lake subdivision.

All the local roads were gravel topped, and there wasn't much traffic until the 1950s. The Finn Camp was out in the country in the 1940s.

During World War II, both of my parents worked and there was gas rationing, so I was left alone in our camp as a teenager and my parents would come out on weekends. I felt safe because of surrogate parents: Finn camp ladies living in camp country. George Aho and I were summertime buddies and spent most of our time together. His family had a cottage in the northeastern corner of what became known as Siberia, on East Euna in the Finn Camp subdivision.

In the summer there was live music in our Dance Hall each Saturday night and on Sunday afternoon. These dances were well attended. I remember enjoying Weebeck's three- or four-piece orchestra in the 1940s. George Larson would play with Ernie Edwards and sometimes a drummer in the 1950s. Occasionally, Viola Turpinen would be a special treat, with her accordion. Jim Foss and his band played for most of our dances in the 1960s. The Finn Camp's fast-pitch softball team, called Voima ("Courage"), was very successful. We invited teams to play for two or three cases of beer, to be consumed under the Victory Tree. The visiting team almost always paid for the beer.



Kansman Family photo from years past.

My father and I built our east-side camp, 19 (now Sennhenns'), before I joined the Navy.



Harry and Delores Kansman

Photo by Erick Leskinen

Delores and I were married in 1955 and became members at that time. We were active with the Children's Program, new at that time, which included track instruction and swimming lessons through Senior Life Saving. We participated in the Players Group while it was active. Delores and I have both been members of the Future Planning Committee. Delores was a member of the Loon Lake Ladies, which sponsored many activities and earned monies for a lot of the furniture we still use. I have served on the Board of Directors three times. Hank Mack, whom I respected and admired, talked me into pursuing Historic Site designation for our D.F.C.S.C.A. property.

Famous Finns from A to Z

In *The American Language* (Supplement II, 1948), H. L. Mencken wrote that "the Finns, who are neither Slavs nor Teutons, but Finno-Ugrians and hence allied to the Hungarians, have plenty

of surnames that are quite easy for Americans and call for no change." But among those that, as Mencken put it, "pop the Yankee eye even when they do not strain the Yankee larynx" are names such as Koskenniemi. Some of these old names are simplified by dropping their prefixes: Parhaniemi, Syrjäniemi and Kangasniemi shorten to Niemi. Endings may also be cut, however—Nieminen to Niemi. Finland's Jarkko Nieminen, a 28-year-old tennis pro ranked recently among the international top 20 players, is a current example of how this name might be Americanize.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

All work hours need to be completed and cards turned in by October 31, 2010. Any required work hours that are not turned in by due date will be charged at the rate of \$15.00 hour. If you still need work hours please contact one of the works administrators. One project is cleaning the Kentta roof. See the works administrators for this project and others.

The Scholarship Committee is seeking applicants. Scholarship applications are available at the beach, in the clubroom and through Mattie O'Brien.

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.



BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

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

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m., boardroom.

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, October 10. Meet at the pole barn at 10:00 a.m.

Sisterhood Committee

Wednesday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubroom.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS

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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

Notices of current or former Finn Camp members who have recently passed away are especially welcome 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 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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