

**CALENDAR SNAPSHOT****December**

- 1—Sisterhood, 6:00 p.m., Sauna Building
- 5—*Pikku Joulu*, "Little Christmas," 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 12—Forest Management, 10 a.m., Pole Barn
- 15—Newsletter Items Due
- 18—Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Boardroom, no visitors
- 18—Bar Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 18—Adult Christmas Party, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 31—New Year's Eve Party, 9:00 p.m., 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).*

***Pikku Joulu*, "Little Christmas"**

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 5, 1:00–5:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Come and join the kids in our annual Christmas celebration! Bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch, and enjoy traditional *riisi puuro* (rice pudding). New members or newcomers are asked to bring an unbreakable ornament to hang on the tree and add to our collection (one per family). Please label it with your family's name and "2010."

Sing along with the kids to your favorite holiday 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 the cost of your gift to \$10 to \$15. Contact Robyn Jokinen at 810-287-4591 or email her at [rbjokinen@gmail.com](mailto:rbjokinen@gmail.com) if you are interested in working some hours with set-up or clean-up. —*Sponsored by the Recreation Committee*

**Sisterhood Holiday Party**

The Sisterhood will be meeting on December 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sun Lake sauna building for its annual holiday party. The sisters are invited to bring a \$10 or less item for a gift exchange, a finger-food-type munchie and a byob of choice. Also, in the spirit of the season, the sisters will be collecting new toys, to be given to Hospitality House on Maple Road in Walled Lake for needy families.

**Adult Christmas Party**

The adult Christmas Party sponsored by the Board is scheduled for Saturday, December 18, at 8:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Please bring a passing dish or passing dessert and join in the holiday fun. Deli trays, condiments and coffee will be provided. A DJ will play Christmas music during dinner, then kick it up a notch afterward!

***Uudenvuodenaatto*, New Year's Eve**

Our traditional New Year's Eve party will begin in the Clubroom at 9:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and celebrate the beginning of the new year with your fellow Finn Campers.



**The Finn Camp 2011 Calendar** makes great Christmas gifts! We will have calendars for sale at the children's Christmas party on December 5, but we are also taking prepaid orders again. To order your copies, email Tammie King, at [tammie@tammieking.com](mailto:tammie@tammieking.com).

**Order your 2011 Finn Camp  
Calendar  
\$15.00  
(Delivery by mail requires an  
additional \$2.50.)**

**Make checks payable to:**

**D.F.C.S.C.A. Sisterhood  
c/o Tammie King  
1826 Bruce Street  
Wixom, MI 48393  
(248) 624-6691**

### **Association Christmas Card**

An association Christmas card will again this year be mailed to all members. You can add your name(s) to this card for \$5 per entry. Print your entry as you would like it to appear on the card. (For example, Mr. & Mrs. S. Urho; Joe, Betty, Fred, Carol & Sam S. Isu.) The deadline is December 5 at *Pikku Joulu*. Mail your request with a check, in the appropriate amount, made payable to:

DFCSCA  
2524 Loon Lake Rd.  
Wixom, MI 48393

Please write "Christmas card" on the lower left corner of your envelope. Anyone who might like to may submit a drawing of something appropriate for the front of the card. It must be camera-ready, in black and white. Any Finn Camp-associated scene shown decorated for the holidays would be suitable. Use the same deadline and address as above. Thanks to all who participate. —Karen Pype

### **Happy New Year**

The Finnish New Year's Eve celebration is traditionally a boisterous, joyful event for adults and children alike, often spent with close friends and family. For children, the highlight of the evening is usually the fireworks displayed at the turn of the year. After the fireworks typically follows the tradition of telling the future from shapes taken by melted tin. Shops sell special ladles and horseshoe-shaped tin holders for this event. The Finnish tradition involves taking some horse-shaped tin pieces and melting them in a metal ladle or pot of water before midnight. Once the tin becomes liquefied it is poured into a bucket of ice-cold water, where it almost instantly takes a random shape after hardening. This shape can spell some interesting forecasts. At midnight, fortune tellers light a candle in a dark room and examine the shadow of the new



tin piece on the wall. A heart or ring shape symbolizes a forthcoming wedding. Animal shapes signify prosperity; the outline of a ship means someone is about to embark on a journey.

The New Year's Eve serving of meals doesn't have any particular significance in Finland. Usually it is a buffet table with different cold and warm foods and snacks, such as potato salad, sausages, salads, meatballs, dip sauces and chips. And, of course, different stimulants contribute to the occasion. At the turn of the year, sparkling wines or champagnes are opened, and people wish each other Happy New Year ("*Hyvää Uuttavuotta!*") For more details, go to the source of this information, at <http://www.finnguide.org/calendar/calendarevents.asp?month=12&p=91>.



### Winterfest 2011

Our next Winterfest will be Saturday, February 5. Festivities will be held at the Sun Lake beach with Polar Dip'n, Ice Fish'n and more, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and in the Clubroom, with Chili and Entertainment from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Buttons: \$5/adult, \$3/child, admission \$15/membership family. The sauna is extra.

Winterfest still seems far away and there is plenty of time, but if you think about it, it's right around the corner! As of right now, I have only two people helping me. Buttons are being made, and the S'more Bar will be back again this year, but there may not be a lot otherwise if nobody else steps forward to help. We still need a Chili Master, plus people to coordinate the Raffle Prizes, Other Food, and Sellers, Workers, Donations and much more! No area needs very much work—whether for advance prep or on the day of the event—but I can't do it all. I know this is a busy time of year for everyone with the holidays and such, but if everyone can put in a little time or tag-team something with a friend, this would help tremendously and make Winterfest a success. There's something for everyone to do. Put your work hours in early, or get a head start on them. Let's make it great!

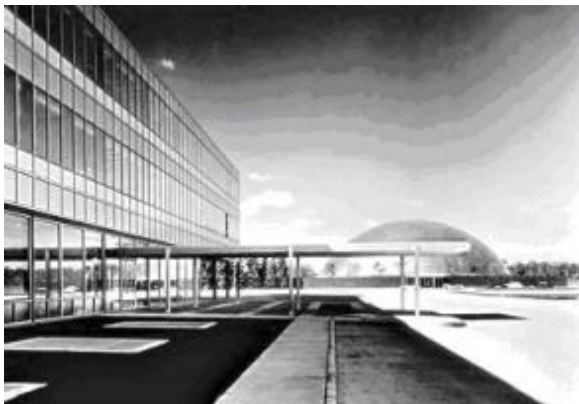
—Jody Dernberger; 248-819-8964 (cell)



## Famous Finns from A to Z

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

Saarinen. Father (Eliel, 1873–1950) and son (Eero, 1910–1961), Finnish-American architects and designers who often collaborated late in the father's career but made their own distinctive contributions to design. The father's most well-known works are his granite World War I-era Helsinki central railroad station, which foreshadowed his lasting influence on U.S. skyscrapers, and in this country his designs for several buildings at the Cranbrook Foundation in Bloomfield Hills, where he was president of the art academy from 1932 to 1948. Eero made his name with designs like the curtain-wall glass construction of the 1955 General Motors Technical Center in Warren pictured below. Later he designed a number of facilities that were openly sculptural rather than just architectural, such as an ice hockey rink for Yale and the TWA terminal at JFK International Airport in New York, whose cantilevered "wings" seem ready to reach liftoff.



## Condolences

Irene Gauthier, the founder of Irene's Myomassology Institute of Southfield and a member of a Finn Camp family, who took a holistic approach to massage therapy, died on October 25 at the age of 90. She is survived by four children, Kathy Gauthier, Yvonne Gauthier, Lynn Gauthier and William Gauthier, as reported in the *Oakland Press* on October 16.

*A remembrance, by David Grogan:*

I joined Finn Camp almost 15 years ago, with my then-wife Kathy. Kathy's mother, Irene, had been here as a child and had then brought her kids here throughout the years to participate in Finnish dancing, help them learn some of the language—and recharge her *sisu*. Irene spoke fluent Finnish and was very proud of both her heritage and the Finn Camp. She helped with *talkoos*, enjoyed the sauna and brought students from her school to Finn Fest, to do massage on the ballplayers, for several years, something I still hear people ask about now, 10 years later. Irene was one of the most prominent and well-known Finns in the state, for a reason. She moved to Detroit from the UP in the 1940s, the first American-born member of her family. She took the teachings of her Finnish father, passed them down to several generations and has kept



many of the old ways alive. She worked every day well into her nineties and was doing massage just before going into a hospital for the last time. She instructed a few different members—myself and Jodi Dernberger, to name just two—in massage, and has left her mark here and on Michigan as a whole. She was loved by thousands and will be dearly missed.

### **More on the October Semiannual Members' Meeting: Corrections**

In the November issue of this newsletter we wrote that if enough members did not switch from print delivery to electronic delivery of their newsletters we might have to decide (at the April 2011 membership meeting) to charge \$15 for print delivery. In fact, the motion was made and passed at the October meeting to start charging \$15 per recipient in April for the printed newsletter. At that meeting it was announced that of the current 182 members, 42, or 23 percent, already receive their newsletters via email and 140, or 77 percent, receive them through the regular mail. This imbalance resulted most recently in a cost of \$1,825.20 a year, which includes printing, envelopes, labels and stamps. Since the meeting, several members have come forward and offered to switch to email, making the new count of members receiving their newsletter via email up to 68. We want to thank all of you for your contribution toward reducing costs. For members still receiving the newsletter by regular mail and wishing to switch over to email, send an email to the newsletter at [editor@finncamp.org](mailto:editor@finncamp.org) and write "Subscribe to Newsletter" in the subject line. Give your first and last names.

In that same article we said that one reason the current budget was under strain is that \$11,050 was spent on a new refrigerator. Our notes from the meeting were incorrect: The actual amount spent was \$1,100 for a used freezer, which was below the budgeted amount of \$2,000.



We want to thank Karl Aro (above) for taking the lead on this summer's sauna wall repairs.



The swimming dock at Sun Lake has been under repair since the end of the season, under the able direction of Delle Aro. Over the winter, the steel infrastructure will be sandblasted and repainted. Then the wooden walk boards will be replaced. This major project will be under way for an unpredictable amount of time into the next year, depending on such factors as the weather and finding the right kind of help at the right time.



## BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The Scholarship Committee is currently seeking applicants. Scholarship application forms are available at the beach, in the Clubroom and through Millie Packard: 248-554-9998 or [millie@webcomachinetool.com](mailto:millie@webcomachinetool.com)

Just a reminder: Camp sales and transfers have to be carried out with the consent of the board.

Many members' work-hour cards are still missing. There is a \$5 fine for cards turned in late.

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Board of Directors

Saturday, December 18, 7:00 p.m., Boardroom, no visitors.

### Future Planning Committee

No meeting scheduled for December. Next meeting is Thursday, January 6, 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

### Forest Management Committee

Sunday, December 12, meet at the pole barn, 10:00 a.m.

### Sisterhood Committee

Wednesday, December 1, 6:00 p.m., Sauna Building, for the annual holiday party.

### Bar Committee

Saturday, December 18, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom.

## FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS

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## 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 15th of each month.

## FOR SALE

### Cord of Firewood

\$50 for members and nonmembers. Delivery extra. Contact Mike Honka. Ph. 248-860-5109.

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