

**CALENDAR SNAPSHOT****March**

- 3—Future Planning, Boardroom, 7:30 p.m.
- 9—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 13—Forest Management, 10 a.m., Pole Barn
- 13—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom,
No visitors except new member applicants
- 19—Bar Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Clubroom
- 19—St. Urho's Party, 8:00 p.m. Clubroom

April

- 3—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom,
Visitors at 12:00 noon
- 10—Annual Membership Meeting, 12:00 noon,
registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Clubroom
- 30—Spring Fling, All day event starts at 10 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

St. Urho's Party

The annual St. Urho's Day celebration is on Saturday, March 19 beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Join us for great food, games and dance to the music provided by our favorite DJ - Carey. Don't miss the crowning of the new St. Urho's Day King and Queen. The cost at the door is \$5. Don't forget to wear your purple and green!

Annual Membership Meeting

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 10. All members are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing and voting on the 2011 budget. Registration at 11:00 a.m. Meeting at noon.



Steve Niemi in the archives at Finlandia University's Finnish American Heritage Center in Hancock. *Reprinted with permission from Finlandia University News, January 14, 2011.*

During November 2010, two Finnish Americans with unique skill sets—and who traveled great distances—provided assistance to the Finlandia University Finnish American Heritage Center and Historical Archive.

Steve Niemi, who lives near Detroit, came to Finlandia to give a lecture as part of the university's Lunch and Learn program, which is sponsored by the university's Finnish Council in America.

Most recently, Niemi worked at the Detroit Institute of Arts as an interpretation specialist, and he shared his knowledge on that subject with archive staff, offering insights on how to manage what is one of the largest collections of Finnish-American artwork anywhere.

New Members join the Finn Camp!

Please welcome Denise and Mike Niemasz. Denise enjoyed summers here as a child and looks forward to meeting with members this season.



Think Spring Fling!

Save the date! Come to Finn Camp on Saturday, April 30, for a day of fun-filled activities! Spring Fling, sponsored by the Finn Camp Sisterhood, will include something for all ages:

- A Finn Camp Fun Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. (Preregistration required; details to come.)
- A Deluxe Brunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Watch for menu details in upcoming newsletters!
- A Finnish Treasure and Flea Market will be set up in the Dance Hall from noon to 5:00 p.m. Make your reservations for a \$10 table! Crafters are wanted too. Start making crafts this winter and save up your treasures!
- Kids' games will be held throughout the day, sponsored by the Recreation Committee.
- A Kissing Booth will be run, in honor of William and Kate's Royal Wedding.
- A Michigan Microbrew Beer Tasting will occur from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Reservations only \$10 per person.

And to round out the night, come dance and see a great rock-and-roll band, Tenacious Red (www.tenaciousred.com), in our Dance Hall from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.



Winterfest 2011 Recap

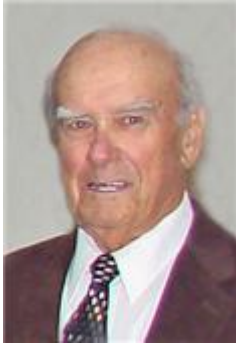
Well, another successful event. The profits were down this year but so was attendance. The Wixom Fire Department presented an informative presentation on ice safety and included a few demonstrations. They also brought an extra suit. Mike Honka tried it and took a soak in the lake. This year we had 43 polar dippers. Holly Taipala went in the most; a total of 8 dips. Lots of ice fishers, skaters, skiers... fun had by all. Chili results; 1st Place, Patti Leppi, 2nd Place Wyatt Evans and 3rd Place was Israel Nordin. The 50/50 was won by Ray Malila. Thanks to all who worked hours, lent a helping hand, and/or donated raffle prizes (many companies donated items as well). Unfortunately I cannot chair this event next year but will help whoever wants to give it a try. Please contact the Board if you are interested. —Jody Dernberger



Thanks to the Wixom Fire Department for helping out at Winterfest 2011



Condolences



Don Jackson

Don Jackson, a longtime resident of Fraser died peacefully February 11, 2011 surrounded by the love of his family. He was 84 years old. Don was born in Detroit on May 19, 1926. He served our country honorably in the US Navy during WWII. Don was a graduate of the University of Michigan receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. He was a dedicated financial analyst for Chrysler for over 30 years retiring in 1991. Don enjoyed traveling, biking, tennis and activities with his family. He embraced the Finnish culture of his wife and the many hours spent at the Finn Camp. Above all, he was a devoted family man with great values and an adoring grandfather who lived for each and every moment he got to share in their company. Donald is survived by his devoted wife of 57 years, Gertrude; dearest children, Wendy (Robert) Richardson, Donald (Margaret) and David (Michelle); and by seven cherished grandchildren; Scott and Emily Richardson, Katie (Ryan) Bailey, Matthew, Lauren, Lindsey and Tyler; and by his loving sister, Phyllis (Fred) Cowin.

Don is being laid to rest in the Great Lakes National Cemetery with full military honors at a later date.



Ruth M. Burns

Our condolences to Finn Camp member Kevin Foster and family whose mother, Ruth M. Burns died on February 1. Ruth, 82, a resident of Hazel Park died Tuesday, February 1, 2011 in Madison Heights. She was born January 30, 1929 in Ferndale to Floyd and Louise Richardson. Mrs. Burns was a lifetime member of St. Luke Episcopal Church in Ferndale. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family. Survived by husband, Lawrence; children, Lynn Holliday, Paul (Donna) Foster, Karen (David) Riddle, Kevin (Sue) Foster, Robin (Al) Morrissey and Sandra (Greg) Schuster; 15 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and siblings, Clifton Richardson and Barbara Coleman.

Pat Erxleben

Pat Erxleben, 71, died peacefully in Cape Coral, FL. Pat spent many of her early years at the Finn Camp staying with her grandparents, John and Sylvia Wirtanen. She and her family became Finn Camp members in 1975 and camped on the west side in the late 70's and early 80's. In 1978 they moved to Harbor Springs and purchased the motel that is currently the Best Western of Harbor Springs. In 1999 Pat and Carl moved to Florida. Pat is survived by her husband, Carl; daughter, Janyce Welter; sons, Kurt (Christyn) and Michael (Lora); grandchildren, Ryan, Eden, Kathryn, Sara, Michael, Noah, and Christopher and 1 sister, Lola Katterman.



Famous Finns from A to Z

Another in our occasional series of not too Finnickly looks at noteworthy Finns.

Waltari, Mika (Toimi) (1908–1979). This lifelong resident of Helsinki (except for a brief stint in Paris) achieved international stature with his best-selling historical novel *The Egyptian* (1949) and others that were equally well written if not as successful commercially, like *The Wanderer* (1951). The first, titled in Finnish *Sinuhe, egyptiläinen*, became a lavish 1954 Hollywood movie about life in Egypt a



Mika Waltari. Public domain photo courtesy Wikipedia.

millennium before Christ. The latter, this writer remembers, was assigned reading in the Indianapolis—and no doubt many other—public schools soon after its publication. From 1949 through 1966, Waltari published on average a novel every two years, of which one reviewer wrote: “Though they may not have achieved best-seller status they are still highly regarded on both sides of the Atlantic as important works of

‘middle brow’ literature” (Fred Singleton, *A Short History of Finland*). In addition to novels, Waltari also wrote plays, detective stories and travelogues.

The Finn Camp 2011 Calendar

Just a few of the 2011 Finn Camp Calendars remain. The prices are \$10 each and are available at the Finn Camp Gift Shop or contact Tammie King at 248-624-6691. Thanks for everyone’s support this year.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The DFCSCA has received a generous donation! Thanks to Lori, Jim, Karl, Delle and Lynn Aro a generous donation was made in memory of their brother Dan Aro. On behalf of the membership we thank the Aro family!

Important Note from the Auditors

Committees having their own events and accounts please drop off your financial records for this fiscal year for the auditors to look at. Leave them in the Boardroom, or call Sam at the number below to make arrangements for a pickup. We’ll get them back to you ASAP. The auditors meet the second Monday of every month. Thanks. Sam (248-624-2399)

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

- Starting April 2011, printed newsletters by mail will cost \$15.00 per year. To start receiving your newsletter by email send your email address to: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org and



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- Camp sales and transfers have to be carried out with the consent of the board.

Positions Available

The board is now accepting applications for the following positions:

- Beach Manager 2011
- Caretaker 2011
- Kitchen Manager 2011

Motion Passed

The board passed a motion requesting committee chairpersons to attend a board meeting 30-45 days following their event. The board requested a complete profit & loss statement be presented at the meeting.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, March 13, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, No visitors except new member applicants.

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, March 13. Meet at the pole barn, 10:00 a.m.

Sisterhood Committee

Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom.

Bar Committee

Saturday, March 19, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

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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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