

**CALENDAR SNAPSHOT****April**

- 3—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom.
Visitors at noon.
- 7—Future Planning, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 10—Annual Membership Meeting, 12:00 noon,
registration begins at 11:00 a.m., Clubroom
- 13—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 30—Spring Fling. All-day event starts at 10:00
a.m.

May

- 1—Spring *Talkoo*, 10:00 a.m.
- 15—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom.
Visitors at noon.
- 28—Bar Committee, 6:30 p.m.,
Clubroom

**Join your Fellow Finn Campers for
SPRING FLING!****APRIL 30**

Start your day with a *Cardio Fitness Walk*. Meet at the Rav bell for a great start at 10 a.m. \$10 per person includes a Spring Fling T-Shirt, Bottle of Water and a great morning of exploration!

Preregister only: \$10 cash or check made out to the DFCSA Sisterhood. Please Specify your t-shirt size. Call Pam Linick (248-302-3700).

Delicious Deluxe Brunch available from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ravintola Café. Variety Cereal Bar with Fresh Fruit and Yogurt, Fresh Bagels with Cream Cheese, Smoked Salmon and more.

Finn Camp Flea Market & Craft Fair
Dancehall, 12:00–5:00 p.m. Vendors and Crafters wanted. Reserve your table:

\$10 members, \$20 nonmembers

Contact Tammie King (248-624-6691).

Michigan Microbrewery Beer Tasting
Clubroom, 5:00–7:00 p.m. Beer lovers: Stop and enjoy the barley and hops! 12 different beer samples, just \$10 per person. Tickets in advance only. Call Sherry Kurin (248-535-6022).

Marco's pizza available to purchase from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Then dance the night away with a great band, compliments of the Sisterhood.

Deadline to sign up for all events: April 15

Sponsored by the FC Sisterhood

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).

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 begins at 11:00 a.m. Meeting starts at 12:00 noon.

Spring *Talkoo*

Come to camp country on Sunday, May 1, to join in for the annual spring *talkoo* clean-up. Special projects include cleaning the outdoor kitchen and grill area, plus sweeping off the *kentta* roof and powerwashing it. After the work is completed, *mojakka* will be served and free saunas provided for the workers.



Finnish Culture in the United States

Editor's Note: The Finn Camp Newsletter's March feature about Steve Niemi's visit to the Finnish American Heritage Center (FAHC) in Hancock sparked some interest, so Steve has now provided us with more on that story.

The FAHC is part of Finlandia University in Hancock. It has the commitment and facilities to collect and tell our history of Finns in America. I first became aware of the Center when I was invited to play music at the Heikinpäivä winter festival a year ago and [there] met Jim Kurtti, its director. I introduced myself as a former educator at the Detroit Institute of Arts, and a friendship soon developed with the Center's staff. With the help of Carol Melancon [Finn Camp Culture Committee chairperson], I was invited to return to Hancock to talk on the artist Akseli Gallen-Kalella at the school last November. At that time, the FAHC invited me to look at their considerable holdings of paintings, prints, drawings and sculptures by Finns in Europe and America. While there, I was also asked to join discussions about a possible Finn Fest in Hancock in 2013. They are interested in someday having an exhibition space to display their artwork, and I have offered to lend what services I can to help them.

Their work has inspired me to develop and preserve our unique culture of Finns in America.

For more information about the FAHC, go to the Web site of Finlandia University:
<http://www.finlandia.edu/FAHC.html>



Under New Management

At the annual St. Urho's party, held on Saturday, March 19, Denny Sennhenn and Karen Pype were crowned king and queen. Great music by a DJ, Carey, and a full dinner were enjoyed by all attending. (For the full story behind the legend of St. Urho, see Sherry Kurin's article in the March 2009 issue of this newsletter. If you haven't access to your own copy, you may find it on the Finn Camp's Web site, www.finncamp.org.)



Father's Day Breakfast

The Bar Committee is sponsoring a Father's Day breakfast at the *kentta* from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Sunday, June 19. Raffle at noon. Tickets on sale in the Clubroom: \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. Prizes include: First Place, golf bag; Second Place, \$20 in Clubroom tickets; Third Place, sauna card.

Famous Finns from A to Z

This is the final entry planned for our ongoing series of not too Finnickly looks at noteworthy Finns. With this double biography we have completed the promised sequence of A to Z. But if we have overlooked anyone you would like to have highlighted, please write to us at newsletter_editor@finncamp.org with your suggestions. If we don't receive any such requests, we'll use this space to let you try your hand at matching up common Finnish words with their English equivalents—hei, it's probably better odds than winning the next 50–50!

Zilliacus, Konni (father, 1855–1924) and son of the same name (1894–1967), the father being an activist for Finnish independence during the period of the early Russian Revolution, the son a left-wing U.K. Labour politician. The son was born in Japan, where his father was an exiled journalist. The father has been called a “larger-than-life maverick [who] forged links with the

Russian revolutionary movement and helped organize the smuggling of illegal literature and weapons into Finland” (David Kirby, *A Concise History of Finland*). No ideologue, Zilliacus *père* seemed happy to collaborate with anyone who was as anticzar as he himself was. The son became a Labour Member of Parliament, largely because of that party's stance on nonintervention with Russia, and an ardent advocate for the League of Nations, where he served for most of his political career working in the Information Section of the secretariat. He later was a strong supporter of the United Nations. Zilliacus's career-long liberal efforts led the conservative U.K. magazine *The Spectator* to declare in 2010 that he was “the most irritating postwar politician.”



Dock Restoration Project Update

The swimming dock restoration project continues to progress. The steel I-beams have been sand blasted and cleaned. Once they are replaced, the wooden deck can be installed. The aim is to have the dock ready for the children's swimming lessons this summer, but some work may remain to be done next winter.



Gudan Family Visit

The Ken Gudan family from California will be visiting camp country on Saturday, April 23. Ken's late mother, Sirkka Gudan, particularly enjoyed the lake and sauna. A sizable donation made to the Finn Camp in her honor was mostly used for sauna renovations. There is a beautiful plaque recognizing her, now mounted in the sauna building. Members who enjoyed Sirkka and her late husband, Frank, can show their appreciation by visiting the sauna on this day and sharing their memories with the Gudan family.



Condolences

Wayne A. Cobb, a Finn Camp member as a child whose parents were charter members, died peacefully March 9 at the age of 93. He was the beloved husband of Esther, to whom he was married for 71 years, and father of Ken (Betty), Pat (Brahim) and the late Bev (Scott). He was also the proud grandfather of Amal, Michael, Becky, Leila, Miriam and the great-grandfather of Parker, Riley, Djibril and Cooper. A memorial service will be held at the Finn Camp on Saturday, April 2, at 1:00 p.m. Wayne had a camp on the west side prior to owning a cottage home on Fairfield. An active Finn Camp member most of his adult life, Wayne served on the board of directors, first elected in 1943, and was also active for many years on the Future Planning Committee. Among other

involvements, he helped plan and build the memorial fence that runs alongside Lyonia. Prior to his retirement Wayne was a custom home builder under whose direction several homes were built in both the Finn Camp subdivision and the Hickory Hill area.



Doris Kangas, a long-time Finn Camp member and resident of Farmington Hills, Michigan died March 20 at the age of 83. Doris was a former Livonia schoolteacher, owner of the Bioplat farm in Farmington, a health food advocate, activist, writer, farmer and poet. She organized community clean-ups before the green lifestyle was cool. Doris often displayed her animals at a petting zoo for Juhannus and Finn Fest. Doris is survived by a brother, Chuck, from Glendale, Arizona, and former members Doug and Carol Cline of Flatrock, Michigan. A memorial service is planned for 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Unity of Livonia Church. Potluck luncheon to follow at the Church. Contact Mary Burke if you wish to bring a passing dish. (248-471-0144) For more info: www.unityoflivonia.org

More on Last Month's Aro Family Donation

Last month we acknowledged a generous donation to the DFCSCA by Lori, Jim, Karl, Delle and Lynn Aro in memory of their brother Dan, but we accidentally left out Karl's name. On behalf of the membership we again thank the whole Aro family for this major contribution.

**BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS**

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@webcoindustrial.com.

- The \$15.00 annual charge for printed newsletters by mail begins with this issue. Members who wish to receive newsletters by mail will have a separate line item for this service in their next statement. If you wish to discontinue receiving the newsletter by mail send your email address to: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org and write "Subscribe to Newsletters" in the subject line. Give your first and last names.
- Camp sales and transfers have to be carried out with the consent of the board.
- Due to supplier costs, Clubroom prices for some beverages have increased. Effective immediately, beer has increased to \$1.75 and well drinks and wine have increased to \$3.50. Soft drinks and snacks remain the same.

The board is now accepting applications for the following 2011 positions: Beach Manager; Caretaker.

Camp Country Opening: April 8**Committee-Reporting Motion Passed**

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

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**Board of Directors**

Sunday, April 3, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom.
Visitors at 12:00 noon.

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, April 7, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Forest Management Committee

No meeting this month

Sisterhood Committee

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Finn Camp Newsletter (ISSN 2154-5545) is published the first of each month by the Detroit Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association (D.F.C.S.C.A.), 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393-1654. Contents copyright © 2011 D.F.C.S.C.A. All rights reserved. Reproduction of this publication in whole or in part, in any form, is forbidden without prior written permission.

Board of Directors:

President: Greg Pelto

Vice President: Denny Sennhenn

Treasurer: Dick Pype

Secretary: Millie Packard

Works Administrators: Linda Gooden, Ralph Heikkinen, Don Matt

Editorial Staff: Newsletter Committee Chair, production editor, Brian Pelto; Photographer and website manager, Erick Leskinen; Copy editor, David R. Hall; Contributors, Sharon Junnola, Sherry Kurin.

Subscriptions: Free to all current Finn Camp members via email. Printed newsletters by regular mail are \$15.00 per year. To receive newsletters via email, the only version that is in color, email newsletter_editor@finncamp.org and write "Subscribe to Newsletters" in the subject line. Give your first and last names. Newsletters are also viewable at the Finn Camp website, www.finncamp.org or mail in your request to: D.F.C.S.C.A. 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393-1654.



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.

House near the Finn Camp

Handy Man’s Dream. 1877 Bruce St., Wixom, MI. Contact Katri Pietila for more information. Ph. 734-421-4735.

SERVICES

Need a seamstress?

Call Cindi Maddick for all your alterations, custom work and mending at 248-303-7337

David R. Hall Editorial Services Writing, Editing, Proofreading Just Wh@ You Need

Are your printed materials just not reaching your targets?
Maybe you’re *underserved* editorially,
which is *undeserved!*

For a free consultation,
e-mail davidrandallhall@gmail.com or call
248-896-2267.

Beverly Jokinen—Graphic Artist

Web sites and Print Graphics—creative ideas, personalized attention and reasonable rates. Many years of experience: Please go to bcpreview.com to view my portfolio.
bjokinen@comcast.net or 248-207-1850

Affordable Windows and Siding Corporation

Where quality product, installation and service make the difference.

Eric Feldt, owner.

7005 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-662-5551 affordablewindow.net