



CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

June

- 2—Future Planning, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 5—Spring Classic Men's Golf Scramble, 8 a.m.
- 8—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 12—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon.
- 12—Annual Fishing Derby, Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at Sun Lake
- 19—Father's Day Breakfast Raffle, 8:00 a.m., *Kenttä*
- 25—Juhannus and Classic Car Show
- 29—Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Boardroom, no visitors.

July

- 10—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon.
- 27—Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Boardroom, no visitors.

Annual Fishing Derby

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 12: It could be your lucky day. Come alone, with a friend or bring the family. (This event is for members and guests only; guests are required to pay beach fees.) Registration starts at 9:00 a.m., the fishing begins at ten and lunch is about noon. Fish for hours, enjoy a freshly cooked fish-and-chip lunch—and maybe even win a great prize! There will be games and raffles for young and old. If you're not into fishing, come and volunteer to get some work hours in. Volunteers are always needed, and donations of salad, fruit, veggies or dessert will really be appreciated, to round out what will already be a great meal. For only \$4 per person, how can you go wrong? Look for the sign-up information, coming to the beach soon.

—As always, Sue Slaughter

Juhannus

Welcome in summer with our annual Juhannus celebration on Saturday, June 25. Featured events include, of course, our famous *kokko* (bonfire) at 10 p.m., the Fifth Annual Car Show (see page 2) and dancing to traditional Juhannus classics with the Don Reinholm Band at 6:30 p.m., followed by recorded contemporary pop music at 8:30 in the Dance Hall, and a 50–50 raffle. The kitchen will be open on Saturday from noon to 9 p.m. and on Sunday for breakfast from 8:00 to 11 a.m.



The *kokko* (bonfire) during the 2010 Juhannus. Photograph by Erick Leskinen.

To work hours in the kitchen on Juhannus, please see the sign-up sheets that will soon be posted at

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).

Fishing Derby Fundraiser

If you missed the last event, Judy, the Swarovski jewelry lady, is coming back Friday, June 3, at 7 p.m., so come shop early for the best selection. There will be earrings—some clip-ons!—necklaces and bracelets. She has some gorgeous new designs. Don't forget that graduation and wedding season is getting into full swing. Hope to see you there.

—Sue Slaughter, Fishing Derby Chairperson

Spring Classic Men's Scramble

Sunday, June 5, at the River Bank Golf Course, South Lyon, 10 Mile and Currie. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.; tee-off, 9:00 a.m. Contact Dave Niemi (248-310-7227).



Sun Lake. If you would like to work hours other than in the kitchen, please call Dick Pype at 248-926-6219. To make this event a success, we need everyone to come forward and help!



Memories: Juhannus ticket from 50 years ago. Note the hours!

“Fantastically Finnish”

Midsummer Day, celebrated by Finns on the Saturday between June 20 and 26, is a day to be outdoors sailing, swimming, picnicking and hiking. Homes are decorated with flowers and birches. Dancing and singing around bonfires continues throughout the night.

Midsummer falls near the summer solstice, when the sun is at its highest point in the Northern Hemisphere. It is also Finnish Flag Day and celebrates the birthday of John the Baptist.

In the United States and Canada, Midsummer Day continues to be celebrated by Finnish groups with traditional bonfires and parties.

Fifth Annual Car Show

This year the annual car show will be held June 25, from noon to 4:00 p.m., as part of the Juhannus celebration. There is no charge to view the Finn Camp’s softball field full of meticulously reconditioned classic cars. In fact, for only \$5 you can enter your own vehicle, in whatever level of completion you have reached with it. Registration starts at 10 a.m., with the show beginning at 12 o’clock and the awards at 4. No preregistration, just \$5.00 at the gate. All makes are welcome. All you have to do is sign a liability form and pay the

entry fee. All proceeds will go to the Juhannus committee. Buttons for Juhannus will be available at the Car Show registration table, or see the overall chairman of the Juhannus committee, Dick Pype. Buttons are \$5 for adults. Children 18 and under are free.

This year’s Juhannus–Finn Camp Car Show Raffle prizes are: First place—two “zero gravity” chairs. Second place—an outdoor fire pit. You need not be present to win. The drawing is June 25 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are available in the Clubroom, or see Mike and Mary Barie. Come vote for your favorites, and buy your 50–50 and raffle tickets! Raffle tickets and car-show flyers will be in the Clubroom. Help put the word out, to friends who may be owners of classic cars and others who would enjoy the event.

—Mike and Mary Barie, Car Show Chairpersons

The Sounds of Juhannus



Experience the authentic music of the Finnish dance-hall tradition in our own historic dance hall at the *kenttä*. Don Reinholm (accordion), Steve Niemi (guitar), Ron Karvonen (mandolin) and Joe Kylman (bass) will play all the old favorites: schottisches, waltzes, polkas, the *hambo* and, of course, the *raatikoon*! First it’s 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the dance hall, then on to the *kokko*!

Recreation Committee News

The Recreation Committee would like to thank Jim and Donna Aro for their generous donation of the new Ping-Pong table in the clubroom—we really appreciate your generosity! Thanks also to Lori



Aro and John Solocinski for organizing and running the very successful “Minute to Win It” games for the Spring Fling. Everyone who played had an absolute blast. We wouldn't have had such a great day without all of your hard work and dedication.

Below are the folks that won “Minute to Win It” in their age group:

Ages 8 and under: Five competitors. Luke won 12 of 14 games.

Ages 9 to 15: Eight competitors. Blake Holm won 13 of 14 games.

Ages 16 and over: Five competitors. Bob O'Brien won 10 of 14 games.

Thank you, Donna, Jim, Lori, John and those that volunteered to help with the games—everyone had a wonderful time. What was your favorite game? (Mine was hitting the cans off the posts with a yo-yo.) The “Minute to Win It” games will be back in August for Children's Weekend, when we will need volunteers to help set up and run the games as well as prize donations.

We are looking for a swimming instructor for the summer swim season. We would prefer to have Red Cross certification or the equivalent. Please contact Kathy Bretschneider: 248-920-4427 or Kathleenbret@msn.com.

Father's Day Breakfast Raffle

The Bar Committee is sponsoring a Father's Day Breakfast Raffle at the *kenttä* on Sunday, June 19, from 8:00 a.m., with the raffle at noon. Tickets are on sale in the Clubroom at \$1 each or six for \$5. Prizes include: First place—a golf bag. Second place—\$20 in Clubroom tickets. Third place—a sauna card.

Spring Fling Roundup

The Finn Camp Sisterhood would like to thank the membership for coming out and supporting a most successful Spring Fling event on April 30. The



Maryann Solin at her family's table at the Flea Market and Craft Fair.

cardio fitness walk, brunch, Flea Market and Craft Fair, microbrew beer tasting and dance were all well attended. We would like to give special thanks to all who helped move picnic tables, worked in the kitchen, set up and tore down and helped make this a great inaugural event. *Kiitos* to our many sponsors, and to the following who donated generously to our fitness walk prize table:

Dave and Hillary Grogan, Pam and Dan Linick, Ellen Bushre, Sherry Kurin, Mary Burck, Colleen Therrien, Tammie King and the Shaw Estate.



Sherry Franco (*right*) and Pam Linick serve during the beer tasting.

Friday Night Grill

The Friday Night Grill will open during the softball season every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a chicken sandwich, burger, hot dog and soft drinks while you watch a game.



Wanted, Dead or Alive

Around the Finn Camp's grounds, we have four species of invasive plants with which to be concerned: purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), phragmites



(pronounced "frag MY tease"; *Phragmites australis*), and Japanese (Oriental) bittersweet (*Celastru sorbiculatus*), pictured above. This plant presents the worst problem. The smaller specimens can be pulled up quite easily, but the larger ones can prove difficult to remove. Sometimes the only thing that works is to just cut them off with loppers, or use a bow saw for the really big ones. They will probably regrow from the stubs, but at least we can try

to control them to some extent.

Warning: When working with bittersweet, be sure to wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and use heavy leather gloves—these plants are often mixed with wild roses and poison ivy. The vines can be deposited on the *kokko*—as long as you are absolutely sure there is no poison ivy mixed in. If you cannot move the cuttings to the *kokko*, please leave the piles alongside a path for the Forest Management Committee to haul away. (If memory serves, in the past, members could claim work hours for this task; if so, these hours would be given out by Forest Management.)

We thank all members for their help in keeping these unwanted guests under control.

Dock Restoration Project



The dock restoration project is finished for the summer, with new wooden planks recently installed. Our grateful thanks to the many who made this possible.

Summer Camp for Traditional Finnish Music

Here's a variation on just going to your own summer camp: a first-ever opportunity to enjoy and learn to play traditional Finnish music at camp. On July 12–14, Finlandia University's Finnish American Heritage Center and Finnish Council will offer classes by experienced musicians teaching the whole range of traditional Finnish instruments: the fiddle, guitar, mandolin, bones, spoons, the *kantele*—and you can even build your own five-stringed instrument! At Camp Lahti, in Rabbit Bay on Lake Superior, you'll be given three



meals per day plus access to the sauna, nature walks and beachcombing, jamming around evening campfires and other activities. For further information call 906-487-7505 or see their website: www.finlandia.edu/musiccamp. Early bird rates apply before June 15.

Finn Camp Store

The Finn Camp Store will now be open every Friday night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. during the softball season. The hours may be extended if additional hours are needed.

New Members

We welcome Kevin Cline (great-nephew of the late Doris Kangas) to camp country. Kevin used to visit the Finn Camp as a child and is now looking forward to becoming reacquainted with members.

Finn Fest San Diego

This year's national Finn Fest will be held on August 10–14 in San Diego, California. For more information visit www.finnfest2011.com or phone 619-800-1444, or email info@finnfest2011.com.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The Scholarship Committee is now seeking applicants. Scholarship application forms are available at the beach, in the Clubroom and through Millie Packard (248-554-9998) or emailing scholarships@finncamp.org.

Camp Reservations

Caren Boatman is ready for the new season of camp reservations. Caren, who reports directly to the board, is responsible for keeping track of the association's camp and its availability. In addition, Caren will see that any member owning a camp being used by a nonmember pays the appropriate fees to the association. (Members are responsible for notifying Caren, at 248-224-2847, when someone is using their camp.)

Annual Meeting Note

At the annual membership meeting April 10 the following board members were elected:

Ralph Heikkinen and Don Matt were both reelected to second terms as Works Administrators.

Dick Pye was elected treasurer.

Greg Pelto (president), Linda Gooden (Works Administrator) and Millie Packard (Secretary) will continue their terms.

Dave Niemi was selected first alternate; Dan Linick, second alternate; Belinda Arbogast, third alternate.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

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

Wednesday, June 29, 7:00 p.m. No visitors.

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Sisterhood Committee

Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

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