



## CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

**September**

- 1—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 3—Adult Pajama Party, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 4—DFCSCA's Annual Golf Tournament  
Reg. at 11:30 a.m., tee times: noon to 2 p.m., Hickory Hill Golf Course
- 14—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 15—Newsletter copy due
- 17—Campers' Picnic, 7–9:00 p.m., *Kenttä*
- 18—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Boardroom.  
Visitors at noon.
- 25—Fall Classic Men's Golf Scramble  
Reg. at 8 a.m., tee-off 9:00 a.m., River Bank Golf Course

**October**

- 1—Fourth Annual Wine Tasting, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 6—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 30—Semiannual Members' Meeting, Clubroom.  
Registration begins at 11:00 a.m., meeting at noon.

## 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).*

**The DFCSCA's Annual Golf Tournament**

The September 4 Detroit Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association's Annual Labor Day Open Invitational Golf Tournament at Hickory Hill Golf Course will be a scrambles tournament. Tee times are still available. Register at 11:30 a.m., tee off from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.: first come, first served. Nominal entry fees plus greens fees and optional cart rental. Open to all members. See or call Mary or Rob Johnson for more details and to sign up, at 248-624-4568.

**Party in Your PJ's!**

Come to the Finn Camp's annual Slumber Party for adults on Saturday, September 3, at 9:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Compete for a prize for the best

pajamas! If you could bring a dish for the food table, that would be appreciated, so no one goes to bed hungry. Chaperoned by the Bar Committee, which is sponsoring this event.

**Campers' Picnic**

The traditional end-of-season campers' picnic will be held on Saturday, September 17, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Association will as usual provide hot dogs, buns and condiments as well as two tickets per membership to be used for beverages in the bar. The fire is built on the *Kenttä* by the bocce ball court. Please bring your own roasting sticks. This event has historically been the unofficial closing of camp country, because in days of olde there were very few fall, winter or spring activities where we could get together with our summer pals, as Karen Pype recalls: "After Labor Day, camp country was almost deserted, because school had started and we could no longer be here all during the week. We also rarely came out on weekends as there too many things to do at home and no activity at the Finn Camp." Today there's plenty to do year-round at Finn Camp, but let's not overlook a good excuse for a get-together anyway!

**Fall Classic Men's Golf Scramble**

This event will be held Sunday, September 25, at the River Bank Golf Course in South Lyon, at 10 Mile and Currie. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. with tee-off at 9:00 a.m. To register, contact Dave Niemi at [finncamper@comcast.net](mailto:finncamper@comcast.net).

**Fourth Annual Wine Tasting**

Reserve your spot today for our Fourth Annual Wine Tasting, Saturday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. This event, highlighting wines made from around the United States, will also feature light appetizers, door prizes, a white elephant raffle and, for your listening pleasure, once again the one and only Bruce Foxworthy. The cost is only \$15 per person. Space is limited, so please call or email Joni at 248-882-4626 or [jsennhenn@comcast.net](mailto:jsennhenn@comcast.net) by September 26. This is an adult event; no children, please. This event is sponsored by the Sisterhood.



### Bus Trip: Purple Rose Theater, Chelsea, “Escanaba in Da Moonlight”

Join other Finn Camp members on Friday, November 18, for a bus trip to the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea to see the Michigan classic “Escanaba in Da Moonlight.” The coach bus departs from the Clubroom parking lot promptly at 6:00 p.m. and will return at approximately 11:00 p.m. Dinner is not included. However, you may bring a small cooler. *Tickets are \$36 per person.* To reserve your tickets, please send an email to [FinnCulture@yahoo.com](mailto:FinnCulture@yahoo.com) or call Carol Melancon at 734-261-3889. Include your name, phone number and/or email and the number of tickets you’d like. Send a check payable to D.F.C.S.C.A. for the total amount due by October 22. Mail checks to: D.F.C.S.C.A., 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393-1654. You will receive confirmation of your reservation by email or phone. Tickets will be distributed upon arrival at the theater. *No refunds.*

For more information phone 734-261-3889 or send an email to [FinnCulture@yahoo.com](mailto:FinnCulture@yahoo.com). Sponsored by the Cultural Committee.

### Children’s Weekend



*Photo by Russ Matero.*

The annual Finn Camp Children’s Weekend was held August 6–7, highlighted by a sterling production of “The Wizard of Oz.” More than 30 youngsters under the direction of Dick Pype brought new life to this familiar story. Above, Raelyn Aro as Dorothy in the later scenes meets Glinda the Good Witch (Lindsey Taipala) while Toto (Jackson Pype) and company look on. In addition to the large cast, some 20 crew members were needed to put on this very well received show sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

### The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Finn Fest

This was another successful event enjoyed by many members and friends! Even amid some morning showers and a big, booming thunderstorm on Saturday evening, there was plenty of food, music and activities to keep the crowds entertained. *Kiitos* to all the members, members’ children and friends who came to work their hours or pitched in when needed. No matter how large or small the task, your help throughout the weekend is the true meaning of the word *cooperative*. Please watch for the October newsletter for a more detailed accounting of the weekend’s events and my long list of thanks! Meanwhile, mark your calendars and plan to join us for our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Finn Fest, August 10–12, 2012.

—Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairperson

### The Voima Boys of Summer



The final standings in this summer’s softball league were Crawford Contracting, which won the playoff against Marcucci Concrete, followed by Gagnon Stone Masonry, Pierce Bros. Power Washing, the Tequila Slammers, the Finn Camp’s own Voima Boys, Bakers of Milford, Konopnick Dental and the Smokers. The Voima Boys [Editor’s Note: Hei—we came in sixth, and Crawford was ninth from last!] would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting the team and the Friday Night Grill. Baseball has been a part of the Finn Camp since its inception, and it’s nice to have the membership’s support to keep that tradition going. Thanks again, and we’ll see you all next spring. —Jeff Pype



## Condolences

### Andrew Byron Pelto

November 23, 1931–August 26, 2011

We are sad to report that fellow Finn Camp member Andrew Pelto passed away on Friday. Our condolences to Andrew's family.



Pelto, Andrew Byron, a resident of Milford for 35 years, was received in the loving arms of Jesus, Friday, August 26, 2011. Andrew passed at home in the care of his family. He was 79 years old. Born on November 23, 1931, in Bessemer, MI, he was the son of Tynne Marianne Kangus and Andrew Herman Pelto.

He served our country as a member of the Marine Corps during the Korean War and the historic Battle of Chosin Reservoir in Northeastern Korea. This Marine is one of the "Chosin Few." He was a member of the Milford American Legion Post #216.

He graduated from Wayne State University in 1957 with a Bachelor's Degree in Science, Mechanical Engineering. He worked at Chrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company, Hydromation Company and was a founding member of Filtra-Systems Company.

He retired in 1994 and enjoyed his family and his faith in God. He was an active attendee of South Hill Church in Milford and taught youth classes, vacation bible study and sang in the choir and Church productions and Christmas Eve services. Andrew enjoyed many family gatherings and the solitude at the family cottage on Big Wolf Lake in Lewiston, MI. Winter vacations in

Madeira Beach, FL, were enjoyed for many years with family and friends.

Andrew is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-eight years, Marion June (née Petrick) and their children, Kevin (Bridget), Janene (Glynn) Simmons, Greg (Nancy), Brian (Jill), Julie (Chris) Dahlin, David, thirteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one deceased. Also survived by his brother, Paul and sister, Annabelle and a large extended family on his Finnish side and his wife's Italian side. Andrew demonstrated valiant Finnish "Sisu" in his lifetime.

A Funeral Service was held at Oak Pointe/South Hill Church of Milford, 1250 South Hill Rd., Milford, on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 11 a.m. Burial and military honors followed at Oak Grove Cemetery.

**Daniel "Moe" Reed**, brother of Finn Camp member Shelly Mazurek, and his nephew, Brad Stoner, died when they were caught up in rip tides in Lake Michigan near Laketown Township on August 9. Moe, age 46, was the son of Louis Reed and the late Marlene Robinson and the stepson of Warren Robinson. Besides his sister Shelly he is survived by a brother, Joseph, and four sisters, Laurie (David) Key, LouAnn (John) Scharf, Sue (Riccardo) Giovannone and Sandy (Bruce) Zarbaugh, as well as 15 nieces and nephews and two great-nieces. He was a friend to many and will be much missed. Our condolences to the family.



In the photo above, Moe is displaying the almost 30-inch pike he caught in the 2010 Finn Camp Fishing Derby.



### Hawks of the Finn Camp

In the Finn Camp you may have seen owls, deer, swans and so on. This summer, in camp



country we had a hatching of three sharp-shinned hawks. The sharp-shinned hawk (*Accipiter striatus*), or “sharp shin” or “sharpy,” is the smallest in North America, though some neotropical species are smaller. The male and female show a greater disparity in size than any other American hawk, with the female being nearly twice the weight of the male. Sharpies’ habitat encompasses a wide range of woodland and forest types dominated by conifers and broad-leaved deciduous trees like oaks.



They typically construct a stick nest, in a large conifer or dense group of deciduous trees. Clutches are usually four to five eggs. These birds surprise and capture their prey from cover or while flying quickly through dense vegetation, which they are adept at navigating. This hawk’s prey is primarily small birds like sparrows, wood warblers and robins.

—Photographs by Leah Paukovits

### Summer Highlights



In early July, brothers Thomas (left, age six and a half) and Aiden (five) Finney of Tampa visited Finn Camp for the first time. Here they are contemplating the brick outside the sauna building that memorializes their great-great-grandparents, John and Olga Laitinen, founding members. Their great-grandparents were Uno and Elsie Laitinen, parents of Barbara Ahnemiller (the boys’ maternal grandmother) and Joann Laitinen Hall, who with husband David are current members.

### Summer Camp for Young Journalists



Kaitlin Boatman writes that from July 31 through August 4 she attended the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) summer camp for young journalists held at the Epply Business Center on the M.S.U. campus in Lansing: “As a class we learned about the diverse types of opinion editorials and columns, brainstormed ideas, and studied page design. I attended an educational seminar, a sport briefing, and a trip to the M.S.U. Dairy Store. Our class wrote multiple papers, a



column, an editorial, and a staff editorial. We talked about things that we would like to implement on our school's newspaper staff and discussed our personal favorite Microsoft office font and favorite punctuation. We also gave each other's articles constructive criticism and talked about what we would bring back from this class. This would not have been possible without generous sucker sale donations from many Finn Camp members, from which I received \$166 toward my hefty MIPA camp fee. Thank you to all who donated for helping me attend this wonderful, enriching, workshop."

### **Finland by the Numbers**

5.4 million: People

3 million+: Saunas

21.8 hours of sunlight: June 21, 2011

3 hours of sunlight: December 21, 2011

20 weeks: Average age at first sauna

79.3 years: Average life expectancy

*Source: Travel + Leisure magazine August 2011*

### **Board Notes and Reminders**

The Semiannual Members' Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, October 30. Registration is at 11:00 a.m. The meeting itself begins promptly at noon.

There is now an opening on the Future Planning Committee. After many years of dedicated work Mary Burck is resigning as president of this committee. She has expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to have served the Finn Camp through this committee and says she thinks change is a good thing: "It is time for some new faces around the FPC table." On behalf of the membership the board would like to thank her for her years of service.

The board would like to remind members that the annual assessment will become \$250, starting this February, as passed during the April annual meeting.

### **Scholarship Committee**

This group 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](mailto:scholarships@finncamp.org).

**The printed newsletter is now \$15 annually.** The

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If you choose the first option, of paying to receive printed newsletters for \$15 per year, contact Dick Pye at 248-926-6219 or email

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If you want to opt out entirely from receiving the newsletter anymore, convey that to the board via a note giving your name and subject in the Clubroom mailbox, or use the regular mail.

### **Event Supervision**

If you hold a children's event at Sun Lake, please make sure that the kids have adult supervision in the dressing rooms and sauna. And it is mandatory for all children—especially visiting ones—to wear life jackets when they use the kayaks.

### **Camp Reservations**

Caren Boatman, who reports directly to the board, is responsible for keeping track of the association's camp and its availability. In addition, Caren sees 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.)

### **Dump Truck for Sale by Board**

The board is now accepting sealed bids for the Association's 1972 Ford Custom Dump Truck, as is. The truck needs motor and hydraulic work. Send your bid to the attention of the board at the DFCSA's address, marking the envelope "Ford Dump Truck." This item is offered in accordance with Blue Book Rule 105.3.1—Disposal Other than



Real Estate.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Board of Directors**

Sunday, September 18, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom.  
Visitors at noon

**Future Planning Committee**

Thursday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

**Sisterhood**

Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 p.m., in the Clubroom

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