



CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

November

- 3—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 6—**Annual Fall Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m., *Kenttä*
- 9—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 12—**Harvest Dinner**, 3–6 p.m., Clubroom
- 13—Forest Management, pole barn, 10:00 a.m.
- 15—Newsletter copy due
- 18—**“Escanaba in Da Moonlight” Bus trip**, Purple Rose Theatre, Chelsea
- 20—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon

December

- 1—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 4—**Pikku Joul**, “**Little Christmas**” Children’s Christmas Party, 1:00–5:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 17—**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 Pye (248-926-6219).

Annual Fall Talkoo

The fall *Talkoo* is Finn Camp’s annual tradition of its members coming together to prepare the

grounds for the winter. Please come out for this event, which is a sociable occasion as well as being task oriented. All ages are invited to join in. Free *mojakk*a and a complimentary sauna will be provided for the workers. This year’s *talkoo* will be held on Sunday, November 6, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the *Kenttä*.

Harvest Dinner

The Bar Committee–sponsored potluck Harvest Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 12, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. The committee will provide the turkeys, mashed potatoes and stuffing. Members are asked to please bring a salad, vegetable dish or dessert to pass.

Bus Trip Reminder

A reminder to everyone with reservations to see “Escanaba in Da Moonlight”: Please meet in the Clubroom parking lot no later than 5:30 p.m. on Friday, November 18. *The bus leaves at 6:00 p.m.* We will arrive in Chelsea about 7:00 p.m. and will return about 11:30 p.m. Dinner is not included. You may bring a small cooler. If you have any questions, please call Carol Melancon at 313-943-3026 or send an email to finnculture@yahoo.com.

Operation Soldier Holiday Gift Program

Now through December 1, the Finn Camp will join with the City of Wixom and the Walled Lake Eagles to collect holiday items for our soldiers. You can drop off unwrapped items by

then at the Wixom Parks & Recreation Department (49045 Pontiac Trail) to send some holiday spirit and cheer from home to our troops. In addition, the Bar Committee is supporting a drop box at the following events leading up to the December 1 deadline: adult Halloween, children's Halloween, the harvest dinner, and the semiannual meeting. Here are some suggestions of what to donate: nonperishable snacks, puzzle and word-find books, CDs and DVDs, travel games, iTunes gift cards, calendars, coloring books and crayons, twin-bed sheet sets, pillows and comforters, cork boards and white erasable boards.

Scandinavian Bazaar— Finnish Center Association: Saturday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Santa will visit from 1:00 to 2:00!) The 2011 edition of the FCA's Scandinavian Bazaar will be a festive celebration of food, imports, live music from the Swedish Club and FCA's own FinnFolk—and more, from Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Denmark and of course Finland. The Norwegian Club of Detroit will be featuring fine hand-crafted wood items, and the Nordkap Lodge will present Norwegian imported foods, gifts and more. The Swedish Club will be offering imports, fresh-baked goods and handmade *tomtes*, while the Swedish Passport Shop from Norway (Michigan) is bringing an assortment of original Scandinavian-inspired t-shirts, sweaters, embroidered clothing, imported linens, jewelry, books and more. Lavender Fleece from Midland joins the festivities with wool products hand-spun from Icelandic sheep, home-grown lavender soaps and lotions, as well as beautiful hand-painted, hand-crafted pottery. The Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood of America always sell out of their delicious freshly made *Æbleskiver*, a delightful traditional Danish pancake. And be sure to see the beautiful imports from the FCA's own gift shop, including the ever-popular Litala products, holiday candies,

clothing and more with special bazaar one-day-only sales and gift packages. Finn Weavers from West Branch will display a beautiful assortment of handmade rugs and totes. And the FCA Crafters will have an array of crafts as well as knitted and crocheted items. The FCA Women's Club bakers will be selling fresh *pulla* bread, tarts and pies. The FCA's pasty bakers will be selling delicious UP recipe pasties (frozen only). Taste freshly cooked waffle hearts with jam, meatballs and red cabbage. New this year are the FCA's Elina Simonen—fresh rye bread and *piirakka*; Helen Denton—hand-stitched Old World Santa center pieces and crocheted items; and Sandy Reynolds, of Finnish Family Soap Products. The Finnish Center Association is located at 35200 West Eight Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Pikku Joulu, "Little Christmas"

The annual Children's Christmas celebration will be Sunday, December 4, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch, and enjoy traditional *riisi puuro* (rice pudding). New members are asked to bring an unbreakable ornament, labeled with your name(s) and "2011," to hang on the tree and add to our collection (one per family, please). Join the kids in a sing-along of our favorite holiday carols as we anxiously await a visit from Santa! For your child to participate in Santa's gift bag, bring a wrapped gift with your child's name, to be put under the tree. Please limit the cost of your gift to \$10–\$15. For further information or to earn some hours in setup or cleanup, contact Robyn Jokinen at 810-287-4591 or by email at rbjokinen@gmail.com.

—Sponsored by the Recreation Committee

Adult Christmas Party

The adult Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 17, at 8:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Please bring a passing dish or 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! —Sponsored by the Board

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. Celebrate the beginning of the year with your fellow Finn Campers!

Finn Fest U.S.A. 2012

Next year's Finn Fest will be held in Tucson, Arizona, over November 8–11. There we can look forward to a business forum plus discussions on education, clean tech and peace. Contemporary music, art and a marketplace will also be offered for you to enjoy and participate in. For more information, visit the official Finn Fest website at <http://www.finnfestusa.org/finnfest-usa-2012-tucson-az.html>.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

New Members

Let's all welcome three new member families: Brahim and Patricia Alfaiz—Pat, the daughter of Wayne and Esther Cobb, grew up in the Finn Camp. George and Rebecca Anders—George is related to Ginger Wing. And James and Tiffany Duffney: her parents were members when she was a child.

Work in Progress

The women's bathroom in the Clubroom now has brand-new toilets. And the Clubroom kitchen renovation is making good progress under Works Administrator Ralph Heikkinen (313-610-5478). Please consult with him if you have relevant skills to offer.

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 4 at *Pikku Joulu*. Mail your request with a check in the appropriate amount made out payable to: DFCSCA, 2545 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 participants. —Karen Pype

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

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 DFCSCA'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

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, November 3, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom.

Sisterhood

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

Forest Management Committee

The Forest Management Committee will be meeting November 13, on the second Sunday of the month, its usual one, at 10 a.m. at the pole barn. The committee is looking for new members.

Board of Directors

Sunday, November 20, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom.
Visitors at noon.

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