



Winterfest Round-up

The theme of this year's Winterfest was "It's All About the People." And it really was! It took a raft of people to bring about what turned out to be one of our best Winterfests.

("Raft" somehow seems most appropriate, given that there was virtually no ice for the Polar Dip 'n' this year.)

Here are some of those who made it happen.

The Chili Cook-off winners are as follows:

1st Place—Kayla Jokinen and Sarah Holm

2nd Place—Jesse Evans

3rd Place— Wayne Jokinen

The Winterfest chairperson, Sherry Kurin, would like to thank the chili masters, Linda Gooden and Robyn Jokinen. Many thanks also to Pat and Darrel Nelson, for managing the food at Sun Lake, and to Karl Aro, for running the sauna.

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).

St. Urho's Party

The 2012 St. Urho's party will be held on Saturday, March 17, starting at 8:00 p.m. There is a \$5 cover. Come enjoy a DJ, prizes, raffles, fun, food and the crowning of the new king and queen. And don't forget to wear your purple and green, so you don't get fined! St. Pat's kin are very welcome too! —Patti Leppi

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

March

- 4—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom. Visitors at noon.
- 11—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 14—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 15—Calendar and newsletter items due
- 17—**St. Urho's Party**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom

April

- 5—Future Planning, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m. pole barn
- 11—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 15—Calendar and newsletter items due
- 21—Board meeting, 1:00 p.m., Boardroom. No visitors.
- 29—**Annual Membership Meeting**, Clubroom. Sign-up begins at 11:00 a.m. Meeting begins at noon.

Condolences

Imer Santti, 86, son of Isaac and Ina Santti and father of five, died February 9 in Springfield, Mo. Although Imer was not an active member of the Finn Camp, he was proud of his Finnish heritage, the Finn Camp and everything it stands for. He very much enjoyed growing up around camp country and forming lifelong friendships there. Imer is survived by his sons James (wife Deborah), Joel (Taffy), Chris (Lisa), daughters Jody Fox (Steve, deceased) and Cindy Fox (Doug, deceased), sisters Irene, Ingrid (Gary), sister-in-law Dorothy, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Sally; his sister Irja; his brother Into; his brother-in-law Michael Anthony; and others. A memorial for Imer will be held in the Finn Camp Clubroom this spring at a time and date to be announced.

Bowling Results

On Saturday, January 21, some 52 Finn Campers came out to Langan's All Star Lanes in Walled Lake for a Sisterhood-sponsored bowlathon. There were no losers:

In first place for High Game & Series, Men, was Jim Ziegler: 193/482.

First, High Game & Series, Ladies: Kathy Bretschneider: 176/451.

Children's High Series: Gavin Burrows: 228.

Children's High Game, Boys: Gavin Burrows: 117.

Children's High Game, Girls: Kristin Barie, at 101.

Kim Ziegler achieved four strikes in a row for the women's group, and John Solocinsky did the same in the men's class. His daughter, Raelyn Aro, picked up a split.

Linda Gooden won (?) the gutter-ball competition, with 7 in a row. The best that Jack Zube could do for the men's group was 5 in a row.

Mystery game winner for Game I: Jim Therrien; Kathy Bretschneider took Game II.

The 50/50 big winner was Bridget Peltó.

The Sisterhood wants to thank especially the businesses that donated gift certificates to the event:

Lavida Massage, of Plymouth: One Hour Massage, One Hour Facial
Memories of Brighton: A \$25 gift certificate

Bayside Bar & Grill: A \$25 gift certificate

Finally, the Sisterhood also purchased many items from the Finn Camp gift shop. A big thank you to all the participants and contributors. —
Tammie King

New President for Finland

When former finance minister Sauli Niinistö takes office as the president of Finland this month it will mark the first time in 20 years that this person has not been a Social Democrat. Niinistö's conservative National Coalition Party has now become the largest party for its first time, but few policy changes are expected. This is partly because the Finnish presidency is largely a ceremonial position but also because the country is used to a tradition of coalition governments ruling by consensus.

Niinistö, 63, once an avid rollerblader, has led an adventurous life, at one point having to cling to life in the historic Indian Ocean tsunami by climbing up a tree in Thailand to escape the waves. This spirit was

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recently evidenced on election night, when he suggested setting up a working group to investigate methods to combat the alienation of youth in society.

Lumber Work in Camp Country



It took two visits in February from a local portable sawmill to make boards out of fallen oaks on our grounds. Here the mill's operator and Forest Management Committee Chair Mike Honka are working at the edge of the pine forest alongside the pole barn. A sample typical of the final product—a 2½-inch-thick plank—can be seen below, next to its source. A total of 143 boards of lumber were cut.



Camp for Sale

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A Guggenheim Museum for Finland?

On February 7, the *New York Times* reported that the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum organization would close its Berlin outpost of the museum at the end of this year, after 15 years in that city. But the museum hastened to add that this closing will not signal the end of its international network. The Guggenheim is reportedly awaiting approval from officials in Helsinki to open a new museum somewhere in Finland. An announcement is expected within a few weeks.

Noted Finnish Conductor Dies

Allan Kozinn wrote in the *New York Times* on February 1 that “Paavo Berglund, a Finnish conductor renowned for his commanding interpretations of Sibelius’s symphonies and tone poems, died on Jan. 25 at his home in Helsinki.” Kozinn describes Berglund, 82, as “a conductor of the old, authoritarian school,” which led some members of his orchestras to see him as dictatorial—indeed, he decided that the published version of the Sibelius Seventh Symphony was not as reliable as the composer’s handwritten versions and prepared his own new version. Berglund either led or was guest conductor for the New York Philharmonic as well as all the major symphonic orchestras of Scandinavia and the Bournemouth in England. His first such job came about in 1949 when as a violinist with the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra he was overheard criticizing the conductor. Challenged by that person to do a better job, he evidently did.

More on Piano Repair

We have until the annual membership meeting (April 29, see below) to reach our goal of raising the \$2,000 needed to renovate the Clubroom’s 1920s’ vintage upright piano. The total that now must be raised is down to something less than \$500, thanks partly to a recent generous commitment from the Sisterhood.

There are several ways you can make your own contribution toward maintaining this important and entertaining Finn Camp tradition. One is to place your donation in the Clubroom’s Piano Appeal box and add your name to those on the cards above the bar of the people who have already given. Or send your check to the Association, made out to the D.F.C.S.C.A., at 2524 Loon Lake Road, Wixom, MI 48393.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, in the Clubroom. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting begins at noon. All members are encouraged to mark this date and plan on attending. Many important Finn Camp issues are discussed and voted on. Your participation is most welcome and encouraged.

Lost and Found

A leather coat was found at the sauna. See Galvin Wing to claim it.

New Member

The board welcomes new member Gavin Wing, Jr. Welcome to Camp Country!

Articles Wanted— Member Spotlight

Do you have a favorite memory of growing up in the Finn Camp you’d like to share? Perhaps you have an interesting story of Finn Camp history. Member spotlight articles are especially interesting. Please send a few paragraphs, preferably with a photograph, to: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org

The committee is always seeking fun and interesting stories from members.

Applications Being Accepted

Applications are now being accepted by the board for the Beach Manager and Caretaker positions. Applications should be mailed or delivered to the boardroom.

To Committee and Events Chairs

Help make your events more successful by submitting the dates of those events to the Newsletter Committee now. We will post them on the online calendar for the year. Remember to submit a write-up describing the event at least two months before the event. So far, we have dates for only Juhannus (June 23), the Fishing Derby (June 24) and Finn Fest (August 10–12).

New Sauna Rates

The new sauna rates as of January are as follows:

Beach and Sauna Admission Rates		
	Beach	Sauna
Members:	Free	\$3
Eligible members over 75 years of age:	Free	Free
Member/Jr. Associate Card:	Free	\$15
Member's child under 12 years of age:	Free	Free
Member's child, 12–25 years of age:	Free	\$1
Member's dependent child, 12–17, Card:	Free	\$5
Guests and renters over 18 years of age:	\$6	\$6
Guests and renters under 18 years of age:	\$3	\$3
Guests over 60 years of age:	Free	\$3

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Future Planning Committee

No meeting planned for March. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the boardroom.

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, March 11, 10:00 a.m. Meet at the pole barn.

Board of Directors

Sunday, March 4, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom. Visitors at noon.

Sisterhood

Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom.

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