



Family of swans on Loon Lake.

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 call Karen Pye (248-926-6219).

Annual Fishing Derby

Sunday, June 17, could be your lucky day at our annual fishing derby. 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 put in some work hours. Volunteers are always needed. Donations of salad, fruit, veggies or dessert will really be appreciated. For only \$4 per person, how can you go wrong? Look for the sign-up information, at the beach.

Juhannus

Welcome in summer with our annual Juhannus celebration on Saturday, June 23. Featured events include our traditional music (see more below) and famous *kokko* (bonfire) at 10 p.m., the Sixth Annual Car Show and dancing to traditional Juhannus classics with the Don Reinholm Band at 6:30 p.m., followed by music at 8:30 in the Dance Hall, and a 50–50 raffle. The kitchen will be open on Saturday from noon to 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday for breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00. To schedule work hours contact Dick Pye (248-926-6219). Look for sign-up sheets at the sauna.

Sixth Annual Car Show

This year the annual car show will be held June 23, 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

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

June

- 3—Men's Spring Golf Outing, 8:00 a.m.
- 7—Future Planning, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 10—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m. Visitors at noon.
- 13—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 15—Calendar and newsletter items due
- 17—**Fishing Derby**, 9:00 a.m.
- 17—Father's Day breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
- 23—**Juhannus and Classic Car Show**
- 27—Board meeting, 6:00 p.m. No visitors.

July

- 5—Future Planning, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 11—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 15—Calendar and newsletter items due. Board-sponsored breakfast, 9:00 a.m.–noon
- 25—Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., no visitors

Friday Night Grill

The Friday Night Grill opens during the softball season every Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy a chicken sandwich, burger or pulled pork sandwich, hot dog and soft drinks while you watch a game.

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 10:00 a.m., with the show beginning at 12 o'clock and the awards at 4:00. No preregistration, just \$5 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 Pye. Buttons are \$5 for adults. Children 18 and under are free. This year's Juhannus-Finn Camp Car Show Raffle prizes are: First place—a package of tickets to a Tigers' game. Second place—a Mac sports folding wagon. Third place—a bucket of car products. You need not be present to win. The drawing is June 23 at 4:00 p.m. Raffle tickets and car-show flyers will be in the sauna, Clubroom or see Mike or Mary Barie. Come vote for your favorites, and buy your 50-50 and raffle tickets! 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

Annual Membership Meeting

On Sunday, April 29, the DFCSCA held its 2012 annual membership meeting, with a comfortable opening quorum of 47. We welcomed new member Gavin Wing, Jr., on a membership transferred in from George Anders. (He had turned in his membership, in good standing.) Lynsey Williams also returned her membership, in good standing. Russell Santti terminated his membership. There were no memberships not in good standing to be turned in, nor were there any deceased members to be recognized.

The new DFCSCA president is Ralph Heikkinen. Dan Linick, new to the board, is vice-president. Dick Pye is now the treasurer, Linda Gooden the secretary, and the works administrators are Don Matt, Denny Sennhenn, and new board member Kevin Homola. The alternates are Patti Leppi, David Hall and Belinda Hughes.

Men's Spring Scramble Golf Outing

The annual men's spring classic golf outing is on Sunday, June 3, at the Riverbank Golf Course, 24095 Currie Rd., South Lyon (10 Mile and Currie). Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., with tee offs at 9:00. See Dave Niemi for more details.

Music and Dance

What was Finn Camp life like in the early days? Oldtimers will remember that after spending a Saturday at the beach and sauna, everyone would go to the dance hall and waltz, polka, schottische and dance to the *raatikoo*. This heritage will continue for at least two weeks in June. Traditional Juhannus music returns to the dance hall on Saturday, June 23, from 6:30 to 8:00, and then, when the sun goes down, our "Music by the Hot Kokko Band" goes to join the party by the fire.

House in need of New Owner (by Owner)



1900 Evona, Wixom
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath,
1,100 sq. ft.

New in April 2010:

Hardwood flooring and all trim
Laminate in kitchen and sunroom
Sunroom and bathroom windows
Interior and exterior doors
Countertops/sinks in kitchen and bath
Lighting fixtures

Appliances:

Washer/dryer
Refrigerator
Oven

Contact Joe Belaschky
812-243-0772 or
belascjc@gmail.com

Tree Care, Snow Removal

Tree and Snow Removal
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(248) 909-0141 or email
Kbenestad45@gmail.com

The following week, the FinnFolk group will get together to prepare for their engagements up north, including the Aura [Michigan] Jamboree, July 20–21, and next year’s national FinnFest in Hancock. The group plans to start around 2:00 p.m. and will play until whenever. This will be a rehearsal-dance. Members and guests are invited to listen in and dance along. Check out the FinnFolk Facebook page for further information updates and dance tips. —Steve Niemi

Earning and Learning

Whenever a new year’s graduates enter the work world, the subject of earning and learning crops up. Recent tax returns show that those at the top of the economic pyramid are more likely to earn their money than to inherit it. A March *New York Times* summary found that pay for college graduates rose by 15.7 percent over the past 32 years. But the income of workers without high school diplomas dropped by 25.7 percent.

How does this relate to Finland? Every two years, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and development (OECD) tests the math, science and reading comprehension of 15-year-olds in 65 countries against the amount that each country earns from its natural resources. “In short,” as Thomas L. Friedman says, “how well do your high school kids do on math compared with how much oil you pump or how many diamonds you dig?” Turns out that countries like Finland, with little in the way of natural resources, understand that the nation must “live by its knowledge and skills and that these depend on the quality of education,” as the OECD puts it. Seems that it’s not enough for countries to have just natural resources, even though these resources do create jobs. Instead, “Knowledge and skills have become the global currency of 21st-century economies.” Let us then recognize the accomplishments of all our June graduates, at whatever level they have reached.

Condolences

James Kevan Aro—born in Detroit on December 24, 1958, to Bruno and Bertha Aro (Kauranen)—lost his battle with cancer on May 15 at the age of 53 at home in Troy. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Dana (Dan). Jim was the devoted husband of Donna, cherished stepfather of Shannon Dux, and dearest brother of Lynn Aro, Delle (Kari) Aro, Karl Aro and Lori Aro (John Solocinski). Jim, a machine electrician, received his Certificate of Robotics/Automated Systems Technology degree. Jim will be remembered for his love of golf, but also his passions for bowling, Ping-Pong, darts, horseshoes and euchre. A standing-room-only memorial service was held on Saturday, May 26, at the Detroit

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Vacant Lot for Sale
2227 W. Euna
(corner of Euna and Evona, Hickory Hill subdivision)

Contact Tina Santti if interested:
248-859-5442 or
t.santti.1807@gmail.com

Beverly Jokinen
Graphic Artist
Websites and Print Graphics—Creative ideas, personalized attention, special DFCSA rates. See portfolio at www.bcpreview.com. Email Beverly@bcpreview.com or call 248-207-1850.

For Sale
West Side Camp (79)
Please contact Jennifer Barrett at 248-669-4674 or carsam2@comcast.net



Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to the DFCSA Scholarship Fund.

Kimberly Sue Maki, 53, passed away peacefully May 8 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, Commerce Township, Michigan, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was formerly a member of the Finn Camp. We send our condolences to her family in Duluth, Minnesota.

Lori Swanson Vinette, a lifelong Finn Camp member, passed away on May 20 after entering hospice on May 14. Because of damage from sudden cardiac arrest, she slipped into a coma prior to entering hospice. The cardiac arrest was brought on by having an imbalance of electrolytes due to persistent vomiting. She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Jeff; daughters, Natalie and Ashley; siblings, Florence Ann, twins Guy and Gary Swanson, Kemmy Swanson Parisi and Grant Swanson.

Father's Day Breakfast Raffle

The Bar Committee is sponsoring a Father's Day Breakfast Raffle at the *kenttä* on Sunday, June 17, 8:00 a.m.; raffle at noon. Tickets are on sale in the Clubroom at \$1 each or six for \$5. Prizes: first place, a portable grill; second, \$20 in Clubroom tickets; third, a sauna card. The drawing will be at 1:00 p.m. at Sun Lake.

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.

Cords of Firewood for Sale

\$50 for members and nonmembers.
Delivery extra.

Slab Wood for Sale

Slab wood for sale for \$5 each may be found near the pole barn.

Contact Mike Honka,
ph. 248-860-5109.

Blast from the Past



Dimly visible at right are Eleanor Santti Mustonen and Irma Kainu Eklund outside the *huusika* restroom. On each end of the structure were 2" × 6" boards sticking out to lift and relocate it when full.

First Pitch



The first pitch of the softball season was thrown out by St. Urho's new queen Linda Gooden and caught by 2012 king Greg Pelto.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

There are many work projects going on— please do not wait until October to get your hours in—contact Works Administrators Denny Sennhenn, Kevin Homola or Don Matt. Remember: Finn Camp is a *cooperative*, not a *resort*. It takes all our members to keep our grounds, buildings and equipment in shape.

Free “CLASSIFIED” Ads

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 the box on the last page) 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.

Camp inspections will take place on June 10. Please make sure your leaves are mulched or removed and taken to the leaf pile on the East Side. If you have a boat at Sun Lake or Loon Lake, you must mark it with your camp number or your name. All unmarked boats will be disposed of on June 10.

The board will be sponsoring a breakfast at the *kennta* on July 15 from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

It has come to our attention that a motion in our annual meeting regarding the purchase of a dump truck was not handled properly. Please consider this notice that at our semiannual meeting in October the board will be requesting to spend up to \$15,000 to purchase a dump truck.

And lastly, we would like to welcome new members Don and Margaret Jackson and their children Lauren, as well as Matthew and John and Pat Haapaneimi.

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.

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 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 else is using their camp.)

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the boardroom.

Forest Management Committee

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

Board of Directors

Sunday, June 10, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Wednesday, June 27, 6 p.m., no visitors

Sunday, July 8, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Wednesday, July 25, 6:00 p.m., no visitors

Wednesday, August 8, 6:00 p.m., no visitors

Sunday, August 19, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Sisterhood

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

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