



Harry Kansman in front of the "new"sauna, which is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary this season. See page 2.

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 Pype (248-926-6219).

Summer Swimming Program

About 3,500 Americans drown each year, and more than one in five victims are children 14 and younger, according to Red Cross figures reported recently in the *Detroit Free Press*. But there's good news: participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by nearly 90 percent in children ages one to four.

Registration for the summer swimming instruction program will be on July 2, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at Sun Lake. This will be the day for children to have their swimming skills evaluated. (We have new instructors this year who do not know the kids, so all participants will need to be evaluated to be placed in the most appropriate class.) Classes will be held on July 3, July 5 and July 6, then every week until the swim meet, August 4, which will be held at 1:00 p.m. The weekly classes will be held Monday through Thursday, with Fridays as makeup days if necessary. Hours for lessons will depend on how many groups of participants there are.

The cost for lessons will be as follows:

Members—\$30 for one child, \$50 with two children, \$65 with three.

Nonmembers—\$75 for one child, \$130 with two children, \$180 with three.

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

July

- 2—Swimming Lessons. See schedule at left. Sun Lake
- 8—Future Planning Committee
Breakfast, 9:00 a.m., *Kentta*
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, *Kentta*
- 25—Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., no visitors
- 28—Sisterhood Flotilla, noon, Sun Lake

August

- 4–5—Children's Weekend
- 8—Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., no Visitors. Deadline to ID all boats.
- 10–12: 36th Annual Finn Fest
- 19—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

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.

Fifth Annual Sun Lake Flotilla

Ladies, it's that time of year again! Bring your flotation device, sunscreen and a yummy dish to pass. Chicken barbeque, Jell-O shots, Yucca Sisterhood Joy Juice and Rum Runners will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for the best hat, pedicure and ability to dance to Bob Marley music. The Flotilla will be held on Saturday, July 28, at 12 noon at Sun Lake. Prepare to have a fun-filled day with the ladies, floating on the lake, rain or shine!

Future Planning Committee Breakfast

We are opening the kitchen for breakfast on July 8, serving eggs, French toast and a breakfast casserole. Hours will be 9:00 to 11:00. Anyone needing a few work hours can contact Sam at 248-624-2399. We will start preparation at 8:00 and hope to be cleaned up by 12:00.

Future Planning will not have meetings in either July or August. Our next meeting will be September 6.

35th Annual Finn Fest: August 10–12

We are preparing for our annual festival, and with the help and support of our members it will surely be another successful weekend! This is the perfect time to come out to work hours, visit with fellow members, family and friends, and cheer on our Voima softball team to victory in our tournament!

The festivities will get under way Friday, August 12, at 5:00 p.m. and will continue throughout the weekend with food and beverages, music and entertainment, raffles and more! Watch for further information and details on the website and in the August Finn Camp Newsletter. This is the major fundraising event of the year and requires a lot of member participation. Workers are needed in all areas throughout the entire weekend. Every hour counts, no matter the size of the task! Get your friends and work together selling tickets or in the tent. Please give a few hours of your time and pitch in to help make the festival a success. *The work-hour sign-up sheets will be posted at Sun Lake beach the first week in July.*

For further information, or with questions or suggestions, contact *Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chair*, by email at rjokinen@gmail.com or by cell phone at 810-287-4591.

Sauna Building's 30-Year Anniversary

In the summer of 1982, the Finn Camp membership voted to design and build a new sauna to replace the old one. The architect was a Finn Camp member, Leon Duletsky, who died in 2001. The new sauna was built under the direction of project manager Harry Kansman. The old sauna, located where the playground now sits, used wood for fuel to heat the stoves and was smaller than the new facility. The new sauna, which is gas fired, is bigger, with a lounge and a fireplace. Many visitors who have visited the new sauna say it's one of the best ones

Wanted

Used aluminum boat, with or without oars, motor or trailer. Contact Brian Pelto at ph: 734-658-8804 or email: bpelto@ohiogratings.com

For Sale

Kennedy Roll Cabinet Toolbox:

12 drawers, 44½" wide with handle, × 39 ½" high with wheels. Includes tools. \$3,000 cash. (See photo below.)

Nordic Track: Best offer. Call Donna: 248-761-0655.



Wanted

New members looking to purchase a camp. Please contact James (586-601-5449) or Tiffany (586-675-9636) Duffney.



Harry Kansman, project manager, breaking ground for the new sauna building in the spring of 1982.

they have been in. Having Sun Lake right at hand to jump into carries on the Finnish tradition of locating saunas by a lake.



Russ Matero's son Lon seems more interested in what the photographer is doing than in the raising of the new sauna's walls.



The new sauna building at its dedication in 1982.

Need a Seamstress?
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Vacant Lot for Sale
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Juhannus and the Sixth Annual Car Show

Our annual Juhannus celebration was held on Saturday, June 23. Featured events included our traditional music and famous *kokko* (bonfire). Most welcome again was The Hot Kokko, familiar to many from earlier years but with the addition of featured vocalist Carol Parssinen.



The musicians in The Hot Kokko are (left–right): Ron Karvonen, mandolin; Finn Camp member Steve Niemi, guitar; Carol Parssinen, vocalist; Don Reinholm, accordion; and Joe Kylman, bass guitar.



St. Urho's King Greg Pelto and Queen Linda Gooden made a royal appearance at the kokko.

The annual car show was once again held as part of the Juhannus celebration, on June 23. The car show was a bit small this year. But we still had a few beautiful cars to admire, along with beautiful weather. Thank you, all who helped with the car show, Dick Pype for heading Juhannus, Kemmy and Gina for all their help, Dave Niemi for playing great music all afternoon, Paul Salo for having the George Aho Field in tip-top shape, and all who supported this event.

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.

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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.

The results of the raffle and car judging were as follows:
1st place raffle winner, Detroit Tigers ticket package, Kathy Bretschneider (member)
2nd place, Mac sports wagon, Greg Orman (baseball player)
3rd place, bucket of car products, Chris Schafer (friend of Matt Jokinen)

The car show winners were:

1st place, Bob Joyce, 1971 'Cuda
2nd place, Robert Kaarelela, 1966 GTO
3rd place, Ralph Mantela, 1973 AMX

—Mike and Mary Barie, Car Show Chairpersons

Fishing Derby

The annual fishing derby was held June 17 at Sun Lake. Judging from the looks on the faces of the young participants at the right, a good time was had by all!

Many thanks to Sue Slaughter for all her hard work organizing this event once again.

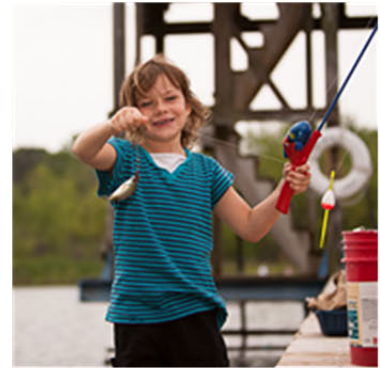
Camp Country News

Our camp reservation agent, Caren Boatman, reports that the Association's own camp, Number 129, is ready, willing and able to be reserved. However, she says, "It's been a surprisingly slow summer. The only reservations on file right now are the week of July 28th, and the week of Finn Fest. I would love for members to spread the word to their trusted family and friends so we can fill up the rest of the season!" (Last summer, Caren succeeded in reserving the camp for every weekend, all summer.) The camp could use some new shutters, she says, if anyone would like to earn some hours. And she is still accepting donations for some inside amenities such as an updated television, radio and/or DVD player. Please call Caren at 248-224-2847 or e-mail her at reservations@finncamp.org if you have any questions or are interested in reserving this camp, on the West Side.

Father's Day Breakfast Raffle

The Bar Committee sponsored a Father's Day breakfast raffle at the *kenntä* on Sunday, June 17. The raffle winners were:

1st place, a barbeque grill: Gina Parisi
2nd place, Clubroom drinks tickets: Sherry Kurin
3rd place, a sauna card: Jack Kutolowski



Condolences



A memorial gathering was held Saturday, June 16, at the Finn Camp Clubroom for George K. Aho, Jr., who died May 29 at age 62. George was born February 20, 1950, in Highland Park, Michigan, to George and Hilma (née Tipani) Aho, Sr. George was the loving father of George (Rebecca), Shawn Bark and Christopher (Rose). He was the grandfather of Luukas, Olivia, Cole, Ella, Ryan, Jacqueline and Victoria, and the brother of Gwen Grubbs, Ginger (Gavin) Wing, Gordon Aho and Gregg (Meg) Aho.

Jim Aro and Scholarship Fund

On behalf of the DFCSCA, the Scholarship Committee would like to thank all of the people who thoughtfully contributed to our fund in memory of Jim Aro. In the midst of his struggle he thought of others, particularly helping our Finn Camp children achieve their start in life. At this writing, more than \$830 had been received in Jim's memory. This brings to mind a quote from Walt Whitman: "Some people are so much sunshine to the square inch." So thank you for celebrating the memory of his life in this way. —Respectfully, Millie Packard

The Clubroom Piano

Bruce Foxworthy reports that repairs to our 1920s'-vintage upright piano in the Clubroom will begin as soon as the specialist we've contracted to do the job has an opening in his schedule. The total time for this extensive work will then be about two weeks.

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.

Corrections

In the June issue, please note the following corrections: On page 4, "Condolences," Lori Swanson Vinette is survived by brothers Guy (Debbie), her twin Gary, and Grant, and sisters Florence Bass and Kemmy Parisi.

On page 6, the last paragraph of "Board Notes and Reminders" should read as follows: "We would like to welcome new members Don and Margaret Jackson and their children Lauren and Matthew, and John and Pat Haapaneimi." We regret these errors.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Camp inspections took place on June 10. If you have a boat at Sun Lake or Loon Lake, you must mark the boat with your camp number or name. On Loon Lake, only one boat had a camp number on it. We are giving members until July 8 to mark or remove their boats. All unmarked boats will be disposed of on July 8.

The board will be sponsoring a breakfast at the *Kentta* on July 15, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

We would like to welcome new members Casey Johnson, Kayla Jokinen, and Steve Maki and his wife, Marion.

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

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

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

Future Planning Committee

The Future Planning will not have meetings in either July or August. Our next meeting will be September 6, 7:30 p.m., in the boardroom.

Sisterhood

Wednesday, July 11, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

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