



### 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 call Karen Pype (248-926-6219).*

#### **Pikku Joulu, “Little Christmas”**

The annual Children’s Christmas celebration will be Sunday, December 2, 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 “2012,” 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 by calling her at 810-287-4591 or emailing her at rbjokinen@gmail.com. —Sponsored by the Recreation Committee

#### **Adult Christmas Party**

The adult Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 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

### CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

#### **December**

- 2—**Pikku Joulu, “Little Christmas”**  
Children’s Christmas Party, 1:00–5:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 6—**Itsenäisyyspäivä**, 95<sup>th</sup> Finnish Independence Day
- 8—**Adult Christmas Party**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom  
Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., no visitors  
Bar Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 9—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 14—Recreation Committee, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 31—**Uudenvuodenaatto, New Year’s Eve Party**, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom

#### **January**

- 3—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 13—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn  
Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon
- 18—Recreation Committee, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom

#### **February**

- 2—Winterfest

Next Sisterhood meeting: March 13

### ***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. This event is open to adults and children. Celebrate the beginning of the year with your fellow Finn Campers!

### **Winterfest 2013**

Winterfest is Saturday, February 2. Festivities will be held at the Sun Lake beach with Polar Dip'n, Ice Fish'n and more. More details will be in the next newsletter.

### **Finn Camp Scholarship Recipients 2012: Dennis Burck**



"I am a part-time musician, and as of late it looks like I'm moving into a full-time career as one. Radio station 94.7WCSX has consistently had my band on every Sunday at 9:00 p.m. for the past month and has booked us as a headliner at Arts, Beats, and Eats in Royal Oak. Currently, recording a full studio album in conjunction with being a full-time student has been difficult to manage time at Finn Camp (i.e., school every weekday, band every weekend)."

*This is the second in a series of seven articles highlighting Finn Camp Scholarship Fund recipients. The Scholarship Committee continues to seek new applicants. See "Board Notes and Reminders" at the end of this newsletter for application information.*

### **Finn Camp 2013 Calendar**



The 2013 Finn Camp Calendar is back, by popular demand. Erick Leskinen, our resident photographer extraordinaire, will once again share his fantastic photos. It also includes the month of December 2012, so you can use it right away. These calendars make great holiday gifts! Calendars will be available to purchase at the Pikku Joulu Children's Christmas party on December 2 and throughout December. Preorders \$14; regular price \$15. Make checks payable to D.F.C.S.C.A. Sisterhood and mail to c/o Tammie King, 1826 Bruce St., Wixom, MI 48393. (Calendar delivery by mail requires an additional \$2.50.) Please contact Tammie King at 248-624-691 or [tammie@tammieking.com](mailto:tammie@tammieking.com) for preorders. As always, thank you for your support! —Tammie King

### **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.

### **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 2 at *Pikku Joulu*. Mail your request with a check in the appropriate amount made out payable to:

DFCSCA  
2524 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

### **Who Actually Speaks Finnish?**

"Finnish is the language of the majority [of the Finnish population] and is spoken by nearly 5 million people as their first language; it is the second language for [an] additional half a million people. Hundreds of thousands of Finnish-speaking people live in other countries outside of Finland. The Finnish language is studied in more than 100 universities around the world." —From "Being receptive to the Finnish language," by Lea Laitinen and Pirkko Nuolijärvi; trans. Leena Vänni. Reprinted from *The Finnish American Reporter*, Oct. 2012; originally published in *Pirta* magazine. Laitinen is a professor of Finnish, University of Helsinki; Nuolijärvi, professor/director of the Institution of Native Languages.

### **So Suomi**

Verner E. Suomi, a meteorologist who developed weather-forecasting technology that makes it easier to plan space missions, agricultural irrigation and family picnics, died in August 1995 at the age of 79. Dr. Suomi, a professor of atmospheric science, was internationally recognized as a developer of imaging technologies that made modern weather satellites possible, including the spin-scan camera that transmits images back to earth from 25,000 miles above the equator and has revolutionized weather forecasting and atmospheric studies. Dr. Suomi, a native of Eveleth, Minn., with a doctorate in meteorology from the University of Chicago, used to say that his Finnish ancestors pronounced the name "Sue-WOE-me" but that "SUE-me" was close enough.

### **Semiannual Membership Meeting**

At noon on Sunday, October 28, the Association held its fall membership meeting, attended by 41 shareholders in good standing, well beyond the 24 required for a quorum. The overall membership level has held steady this year, with the total of new members (including transfers from other memberships) Angela Schroder Carlson, John Haapaneimi, Elaine Jacobson, Don Jackson, Casey Johnson, Kayla Jokinen, Steve Maki and Eero Salonen roughly equaling the recent turned in and terminated memberships plus

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or call 248-207-1850.



members deceased since the April membership meeting: Jim Aro, Don Jacobson, Laura Mazur and Lori Vinette. Of 180 members, all but 55 have elected to save themselves the \$15 annual cost of receiving mailed newsletters and get theirs in color online. The Association's finances were "much better" than a year earlier, although they were somewhat down through August, according to Dick Pype in his treasurer's report. The increase in membership assessments from \$220 to \$250 per year has given us a small cushion. The largest financial item was approval to spend up to \$15,000 on a used dump truck (below), which in fact cost less than the allocation when it was purchased recently.

### Christmas Comes to the Forest Management Group



The Forest Management team's new (used) 1999 Ford V-10 350 four-wheel dump truck with only 60,000 miles on it, bought for \$9,500.

### Harvest Dinner

*Bar Manager Wayne Jokinen reports:* "Thank you all for your help with the Harvest Dinner. Specifically, thank you for your dishes to pass. We served 100 plates—but ran out. Must have been yummy! The highlight? Listening to Bruce Foxworthy's newly renovated piano: outstanding. The notes were crisp and clean, and the bass tones have never been more vibrant. We like! For those of you who have not had a chance to hear the new piano, please take the time to come out and listen to Bruce play. Monies very well spent!" *To which Bruce adds:* "I intend to look after and improve the dynamics of this old thing as long as I am able. Should last another 90 years no problem by the time I'm a goner. Thanks again, everybody!"

### Brick Pavers at Sun Lake

There have been a number of inquiries about getting additional bricks to place at Sun Lake. If you are interested in purchasing a brick or additional bricks, please send your name and phone number to [Treasurer@finncamp.org](mailto:Treasurer@finncamp.org). As soon as we have an idea how many

### 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](mailto:newsletter_editor@finncamp.org)

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

### Free "CLASSIFIED" Ads

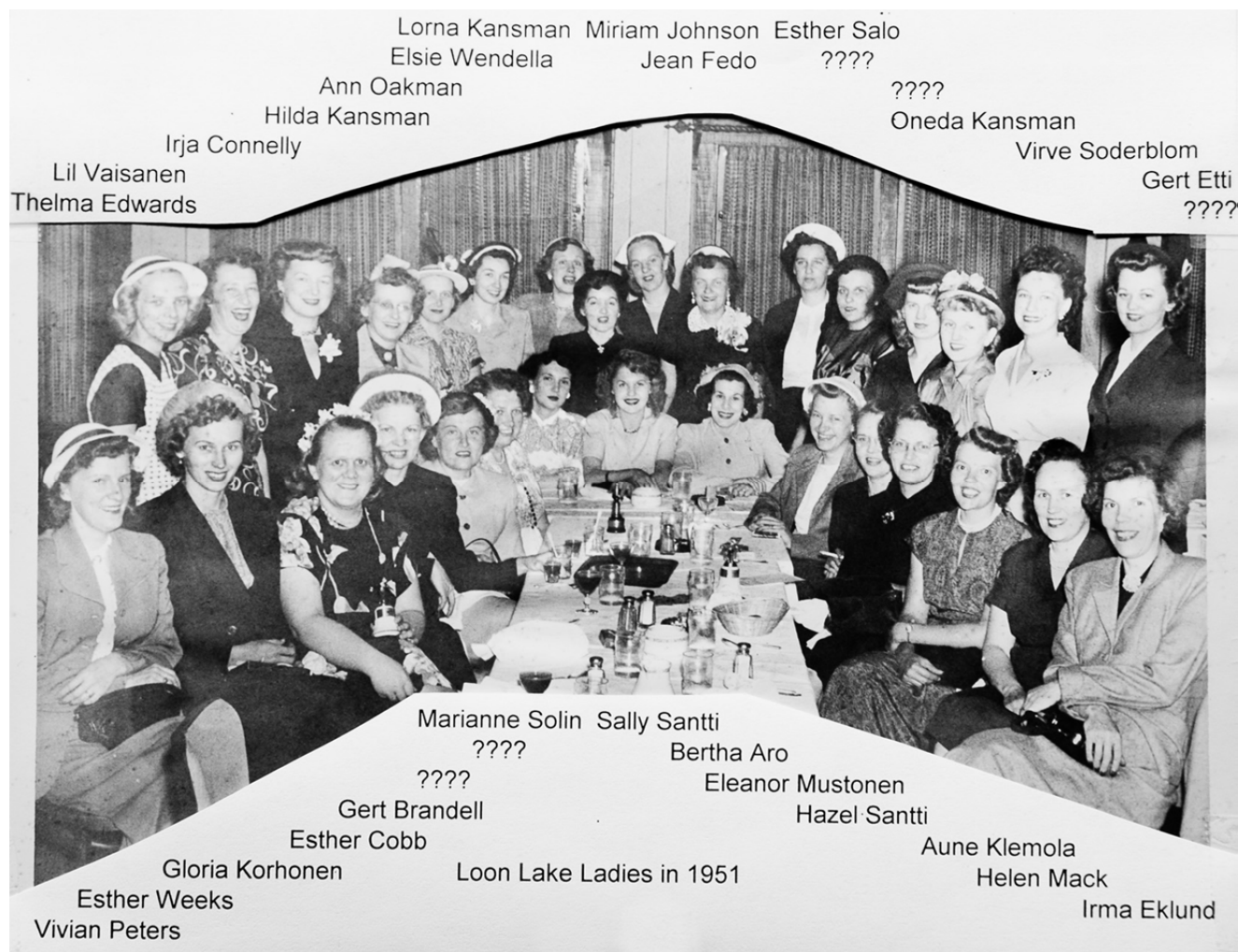
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people are interested, we can supply more definite information on cost and a timetable.

### Blast from the Past: Loon Lake Bowling Leagues

There were three Finn Camp bowling leagues in the past, which were named Loon Lake Bowling. The ladies bowled at several different bowling alleys, with first four and then six teams. The men bowled at several different alleys, mostly at Fleetwood Lanes. Eero Toivonen and Lee Siren were the last Finn Camp bowlers in the Loon Lake Bowling League before it dissolved. The third league was the Loon Lake Husband and Wife Bowling League, which bowled at various alleys, starting at Tony's Bowling Alley and Bar.

The photo of the men's league was taken at the Lucky Strike Lanes. "Mr. Hockey," Gordie Howe, came to watch us amateurs bowl one night at Lucky Strike. He was an unmarried rookie at the time and didn't yet have a circle of friends. The Lucky Strike was near the Olympia Stadium, where the Red Wings played at that time. I bowled in the men's league and Delores bowled in the ladies' league. We both bowled in the Husband and Wife League. My father, Bernhard, along with my brothers Hans and Sven, bowled in the men's league. My mother, Hilda, and sisters-in-law, Lorna and Oneda, all bowled in the ladies' league. Hans and Lorna also bowled in the Husband and Wife League. Later, Erin and Mike bowled in this league. —Harry Kansman



Karen Pype has kindly provided additional names for some of the unidentified people in these photos. The woman shown in question marks below Esther Salo is Madge Krist, but the woman whose name is shown above that of Oneda Kansman remains unnamed, as do the two below Marianne Solin (center). At the far right, Gert Etti (not Etti) is the correct spelling. The name below hers is Alice Lind's. If you can suggest names for any unnamed persons, please send a note to the editors (see box on the last page).

LOON LAKE BOWLING LEAGUE in 1950-51  
at Lucky Strike Bowling Alley

John  
Aho

Art  
Siren

Dodo Salo  
Taito Hirvonen

Walt Holm

Del Lindh

George Larson

Mel Kem-  
pinen

Marv Klemola

Gunnar Solin

Bernie Kansman

Eino Junnola

Marion Marazak

Merrl ?  
? ?

Roy Wainio

Into Santti

Larry Hemming

Gene Hemming

Olavi Peters

Flid Maki

Bill Halme

Ed Wick  
Bruno Purola

Ted Siren

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Arne Santti

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Soupy Palmgren

John Johnson

Harold Krist

Vee Vaisanen

George Eklund

Reino Solin

Joe Yogus

Louie Weeks

Chuck Koti

Roy Hendrickson

George Hendrickson

Hans Kansman



LOON LAKE MEN=1950-51.

In the men's photo the correct spelling is Claude Etty, not Etti (seated, row 2). And in the third row (fourth from right, standing in the background), is Wally Herbert, between Gene Hemming and Olavi Peters.

## BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

We would like to welcome new members Aidan Yeager and her husband, Matt Clark. Aidan is receiving shares transferred from her father, Jim Yeager.

For members who have suggestions, comments or board-related business, please send an email to [Board@finncamp.org](mailto:Board@finncamp.org). You may also contact Works Administrators Don Matt, Kevin Homola or Denny Sennhenn at this email address.

The Scholarship Committee is seeking applicants. Scholarship application forms are available at the beach, in the Clubroom and through Millie Packard (248-554-9998) or by emailing [scholarships@finncamp.org](mailto:scholarships@finncamp.org).

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Board of Directors

Saturday, December 8, 7:00 p.m., no visitors

Sunday, January 13, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Sunday, February 24, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

### Future Planning Committee

December: No meeting

January: Thursday, January 3, 7:30 p.m.

### Recreation Committee

December 14, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom

This committee normally meets the third Friday of each month.

### Forest Management Committee

Sunday, December 9, 10:00 a.m., pole barn

### Sisterhood

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 13

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