



The wintry view on Lyonia looking toward 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).*

### Winterfest

Save the date: Saturday, February 2. Come on out to the Finn Camp for a day of fun in the snow. We have a great list of new and old ideas to make this one of our best days ever. Once again, we will start the day with Polar Dip'n and Ice Fish'n, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the sauna. Then from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. join us for the annual Chili Cook-off and dancin' to a DJ in the Clubroom. Buttons are \$5/adult, \$3/child, \$15/member family, with the sauna being extra. The Clubroom bar opens at 2:00 p.m. While the date may still seem far off, we need lots of help to make this work. We have a Chili Master, but we still need buttons to be made, raffles and door prizes sold, nissua baked and much more. We hope to schedule a meeting in January to finalize everything. Get your hours in for the new year! Give me a call at 248-535-6022 if interested. Thanks. —Sherry Kurin

## CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

### 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
- 26—Recreation Committee Children's Project, 3:00–5:00 p.m., sauna building

### February

- 2—**Winterfest**, Sun Lake 1:00 p.m.  
**Chili Cook-Off**, 6:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 7—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 10—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 15—Recreation Committee, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 24—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon

Next Sisterhood meeting: March 13

## Scholarship Recipient



### Sarah Holm

I finished my undergrad work this August and “walked” December 15. I received my undergrad degree in health management with a minor in holistic health and a concentration in occupational therapy. I am currently still at Western, taking graduate classes for the SPPA, a nine-month master’s program leading to rehabilitation counselor for drug and alcohol abuse. After this year I plan on moving back to the metro Detroit area and getting a job with my SPPA degree, then going back to school to obtain a master’s degree in occupational therapy.

*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.*

### January Recreation Committee Project

We have a project for the kids to complete, on January 26 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the sauna. However, we need to gather some supplies. We need to borrow sand buckets and small plastic containers such as margarine, yogurt or sour cream holders for this project. These buckets and containers will be returned if names are on them. Please leave your buckets and containers at the sauna building in the box marked “Rec. Comm.” We’ll need them by January 13. The items can be picked up after the event at Winterfest on February 2. Also, we need medium and large boxes for a Winterfest activity—the kind kids can make buildings or rocket ships out of. Please bring these to the sauna building at Winterfest. Thank you! —Lori Aro, Recreation Committee

### Beverly Jokinen Graphic Artist

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### 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.

### Need a Seamstress?

Call Cindi Maddick for all your  
alterations, custom work  
and mending at  
248-303-7337.

### Camp for Sale

Camp 106 (west side)  
New roof, many extras  
Call Tom:  
586-770-2156

## More Lore: Finland Is Squeaky Clean

*With this issue we begin what we hope will become a regular feature: "More Lore," about Finnish matters and culture, whether folklore or—this month—finance. Much of what you read here will be from sources like the monthly Finnish American Reporter (FAR, Hancock). Other material will originate locally, through your Newsletter Editors and Reporters (NEAR). Whatever the source, we'll be bringing you lore from FAR and NEAR.*

The annual Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index surveys how economics experts perceive public sector corruption in the world's countries. The recently released report for 2012 shows Finland tied with neighboring Denmark and New Zealand to rank #1 in being least corrupt, with a score of 90 out of a possible 100 ("very clean"). The United States ranked #19, with a score of 73.

Finland and New Zealand have both been top-ranked before "Finnish women were the second in the world to get the right to vote and become a candidate (in 1906, after New Zealand)," according to Jonathan Riikonen in the December *Finnish American Reporter*.

## St. Urho's Party

The 2013 St. Urho's party will be held on Saturday, March 16, in the Clubroom 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

## From the Auditors

The Finn Camp Store, Recreation Committee and Sisterhood are required to turn in their financial records for the year to any one of the auditors (Joe Santti, Mary Johnson, Ed Elkhill, Sam Dernberger), or give them to a board member to put on the Boardroom table. We need the inventory from the store and the financial records from both the Sisterhood and the Recreation Committee. We will have them back to you as soon as we can. Please indicate how much money you have in cash. Thank you for your cooperation. —Sam Dernberger

## Condolences

### Kimberly Delavan

Kimberly Delavan, 57, of Warren, beloved wife of Gary, passed away November 27. Services were privately held. Memorials are suggested to the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Association. Kim went to Denby High School. Kim, a Finn Camp member since 1997, was a lover of nature, especially of the variety of animals that live out there. As her husband, Gary, says, "She even tolerated the woodchucks that took up residence under our camp, never minding the hosta-chewing ones. She used to put out a 25-pound block of salt to leave for the deer in the winter. She would load up on suet cakes and bird seed to put out for her critters. I can even remember her feeding a skunk barbecued pork rinds one late night at our camp, and the skunk never sprayed us. She loved entertaining her friends on the deck of our camp, or

## There's a Lot in Store for You!



Shop the Finn Camp Store, in the Clubroom, whatever the season! We have t-shirts, hats, hoodies, koozies, and Finnish CDs. For access to the store during off hours, call Patti Leppi, at 248-921-1432, or email her at [pleppi@att.net](mailto:pleppi@att.net).

## 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.

picnicking at Sun Lake, watching all the swimmers and divers, laughing and just enjoying everyone's company."

#### **Joyce Branch Matt**

Joyce Branch Matt, 77, passed away December 20. Mrs. Matt is survived by three sons: John Mitchell Matt and wife, Paula, of Fayetteville, Ark.; Finn Camp member and Works Administrator Donald Ray Matt and wife, Carol, of Madison Heights, Mich.; and Rev. James Matt and wife, Beth, of Hazel Park, Mich.; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

### **BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS**

#### **The Year 2012 in Memberships**

During 2012, Finn Camp membership may have seemed to readers to have decreased, because our "Condolences" articles often featured photos and were more centrally located in these pages than the notices of new members under "Board Notes and Reminders." Going forward, however, we hope to give more prominence to new members.

Let us note for now that in 2012 we saw the passing away of the following members, many of whom were lifetime Finn Campers. (The months after the names are when the various "Condolences" articles appeared, not when the members died.) Robert John McKinnon (January), Imer Santti (March), James (Jim) Kevan Aro, Kimberly (Kim) Sue Maki and Lori Swanson Vinette (June), George K. Aho, Jr. (July), Virve S. Soderblom, Elizabeth Linick and Laila Elizabeth Pelto (September), Laura Kathleen Kansman and Donald (Jake) W. Jacobson (October). These 11 membership losses were largely offset by the following 9 family and individual gains, including transfers in: Gavin Wing, Jr., Don and Margaret Jackson and Lauren, John and Pat and Matthew Haapaniemi (June), Casey Johnson, Kayla Jokinen and Steve and Marion Maki (July), Angie Schroder (August), Eero and Madeline Salonen (November) and Aidan and Matt Yeager (December). More details are available in the newsletters following the April and October member meetings.

The board is seeking a member at large to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee seeks out prospects and alternates for election to the board of directors. Please contact the board at [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org) if you are interested.

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.

#### **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.



**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 emailing [scholarships@finncamp.org](mailto:scholarships@finncamp.org).

### **Board and Committee Meetings**

#### **Board of Directors**

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

#### **Forest Management Committee**

January 13, 10:00 a.m., pole barn

February 10, 10:00 a.m., pole barn

#### **Future Planning Committee**

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

Thursday, February 7, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

#### **Recreation Committee**

January 18, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom

January 26, Children's Project, 3:00–5:00 p.m., sauna building

#### **Sisterhood**

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 13

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