



A mid-January thaw creates interesting cracks in the ice on Sun 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).*

### Finnish “Spring Break”: Winterfest

Come on out to the Finn Camp on Saturday, February 2, 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. We always need lots of help to make this work. Get your hours in for the new year! Give me a call at 248-535-6022 if interested..

In connection with Winterfest, we need medium and large boxes such as ones that the kids can make buildings or rocket ships out of, for an activity. Please bring these to the sauna building at Winterfest.

—Sherry Kurin

## CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

### 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
- 9—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 10—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 24—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon

### March

- 7—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 9—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 10—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 13—Sisterhood Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 16—**St. Urho’s Party**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 17—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon

### 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

### Scholarship Recipient: Tony Jokinen



I am in my third year at Central Michigan University and in the College of Health Professions. I have a double major in Psychology and Neuroscience. I intend to go to graduate school and study Clinical Neuropsychology, which will allow for many career options.

### You can help . . .

. . . us serve you better. Your Newsletter Committee would like to hear from you about possible improvements:

What have we been missing—which subjects have we not been covering, or as well as we should? For example, we continue to ask for “Member Spotlight” articles (see the box near the end of this issue), but rarely receive material. But our “Blast from the Past” photos have been popular. Could you contribute such a photo and brief captioning?

How is the “look and feel” of the newsletter as far as you are concerned? We changed the way the columns of text flow to make it easier for you to read straight through. But can you suggest other ways to make the newsletter more readable and attractive?

Are you finding the online edition to be easily accessible? Any improvements we could make? If you receive the print version, can you suggest any changes that would improve it, apart from the necessity of printing it in black and white? The Newsletter Committee would be happy to hear from you about these or other items relating to the quality of the monthly issues you receive. Feel free to email us at [newsletter\\_editor@finncamp.org](mailto:newsletter_editor@finncamp.org) or write to the committee at the D.F.C.S.C.A. address: 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393. Or approach one of the committee members, listed in the shaded box on the last page.

Thank you for your help.

Thank you, Scholarship Committee, for your support toward my educational pursuits.

I have played the snare drum in CMU's marching band for all three years and have been captain of the drumline for the last two years. I recently performed at the Little Caesar's Pizza Bowl at Ford Field, on December 26.

*This is the fourth in a series of six 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.*

### **More Lore: Equal Opportunity Educations**

*With this issue we continue our department called "More Lore," about Finnish matters and culture, whether folklore or—this month—education. Much of what you read here will be from outside sources, like this month's focus, based on Louis Menand's "Comment" article in the December 17, 2012, New Yorker.*

According to a recent evaluation of educational systems by the Economist Intelligence Unit, publisher among other things of *The Economist* magazine, the country with the most successful education system is Finland. The United States was ranked seventeenth. [Not to despair: France was ranked twenty-fifth.—Eds.]

Louis Menand suggests that the Finnish schools are successful because they "are doing what Finns want them to do, which is to bring everyone up to the same level and instill a commitment to equality." On the other hand, he says, "Americans have an egalitarian approach to inequality: they want everyone to have an equal chance to become better-off than everyone else. By and large, for most people school is the mechanism for achieving this."

Perhaps another predictor of success is how societies select, and reward, their teachers. Phil Power, Chairman of the Center for Michigan, which just published a report called "The Public's Agenda for Public Education," had this to say in the *Free Press* January 27: "Finnish teachers come out of the very highest graduate ranks in Finnish universities. They're well compensated, and they're very highly respected in the society."

### **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

### **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.

### **Camp for Sale**

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





On January 6, the ice was thick enough for Delle Aro (foreground), Marty Boatman (third from left) and crew to continue work on the swimming dock, but more work needs to be done later.

#### **A “Photo Op” Not to Be Missed**

Come one, come all, and share your pictures of days gone by. Let’s go through those great old photos, slides and movies of Finn Camp activities that we have stashed away. This gathering might also give us a chance to look back and start to put together a memory book that could become a valued keepsake for years to come. We may be able to have a copier on hand to share each other’s pictures if we wish. This event would be held at the Clubroom on Sunday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m. and could be turned into a potluck dinner also. If you have suggestions, ideas or might be able to help, please call Kari Aro at 248-624-6183.

#### **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.

#### **Need a Seamstress?**

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

#### **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.

## BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The board is now accepting applications for the Beach Manager position. Please submit your application in writing to the board if you are interested.

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.

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

#### Forest Management Committee

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

#### Future Planning Committee

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

#### Recreation Committee

February 9, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom

#### Sisterhood

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

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